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Marshall Says AEF 'Wants to Expand'



COL. BILL LEE, named last week as head of the new Airborne Command, and Brig. Gen. Mark W. Clark (right), Army Ground Force chief of staff, met in Washington this week to discuss plans for the new outfit. Colonel Lee is a pioneer parachute fighter. —Signal Corps Photo

Promises British We'll Soon Activate Four New Divisions a Month.

Gen. George C. Marshall arrived dramatically Wednesday in the same quarter of the globe where, 24 years ago, he helped Gen. John J. Pershing plan the offensive that contributed to the defeat of Germany.

And this time, too, he brought a promise that the Yanks were not going to stop going "over there" until Germany was beaten once again.

"We," said the general at a press conference, "want to expand over here."

General Marshall and Harry Hopkins, special aide to the President, flew to England in an Army bomber. They were accompanied by Lt. A. C. Wedemeyer, representing the Army and the General Staff, Col. Howard J. Craig, representing the Army Air Force, and Lt. Comdr. J. R. Fulton, representing the Navy.

U. S. Hasn't Forgotten Europe

In view of the expected German offensive in Russia, particular importance was attached to the presence there of President Roosevelt's deputy for the allocation of munitions among the United Nations, and the Chief of Staff of the fast growing United States Army, which already has an expeditionary force in the British Isles, and it was believed the visit would serve as a dramatic reminder both here and in Berlin that the United States was not so preoccupied in the Pacific that it had forgotten about Europe.

This may well add to Adolph Hitler's troubles in restive, occupied lands and at the same time prove helpful to Mr. Churchill, who is likely to encounter some rough going when Parliament reconvenes after the Easter recess.

Promises Four Divisions Monthly

General Marshall explained to the British reporters that the United States was in the "middle of full mobilization," adding that the country had an army of 1,800,000 when it entered the war. Now, he said, mobilization was progressing more rapidly, that in March three new divisions came into being, and by this Summer there would be four new divisions monthly. With auxiliaries, mobilization would run to about 150,000 men a month.

General Marshall said that the geographical advantages of the United States made possible the training of a large Army quickly because of the variety of the terrain and the large area for maneuvering.

General Marshall said he did not know exactly when he would leave or exactly where he would go from England, but he said he would certainly like to see American troops in Britain before returning to Washington.

Un-horse 10 Cavalry Regiments

Complete mechanization of the Army's ten combination horse-mechanized Cavalry regiments was announced this week by the War Department. In their new form, the regiments became highly mobile units of great fire power capable of carrying out the mission of cavalry in modern vehicles at modern battle speeds.

Three of the regiments are Regular Army units, the 4th, 6th and 15th Cavalry Regiments. The latter has been reorganized after a year in active service since 1922. The other seven are Federalized National Guard, the 101st Cavalry, of New York; 102nd, New Jersey; 104th, Pennsylvania; 106th, Illinois; 107th, Ohio; 113th, Iowa, and 115th, Wyoming.

With their reorganization, there comes from the Army the picturesque "portee" Cavalry. This was part of the horse-mechanized regiment in which one squadron was mounted on horses while the other operated in scout cars and motor-cars.

The horses, men and equipment of the horse squadrons portee were moved from place to place in motor-cars, unloaded at the scene of action and rushed directly into combat, fresh and ready. In this manner, it was hoped they could equal the road speeds of completely mechanized troops and yet be available for action in swampy, sandy or otherwise difficult country where the horse was more mobile than the motor. As horse-mechanized Cavalry, these regiments contained about 200 horses which now are made available to other Army units.

Experience gained in the maneuvers of the Fall of 1941, however, indicated that they be entirely mechanized to better fulfill their function as Army Corps reconnaissance units, flank guards and powerful, fast-moving assault forces. While the use of the horse vans has speeded transportation, it had not completely solved this vital problem.

Posthumously Give SC to Corporal

Presentation of a Distinguished Service Cross, awarded posthumously to Corp. William T. Anderson, Air Corps, killed in the Japanese bombing of Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7, 1941, took place at Fort Belvoir, Va., according to a War Department announcement. Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, commanding general at Fort Belvoir, presented the Cross to Mr. Herbert C. Anderson, of Quantico, Va., Corporal Anderson's father. The First Engineering Training Battalion held a service in honor of the fallen hero. This was the first ceremony of its kind at Fort Belvoir since the outbreak of the war.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

IT'S MANILA'S OWN

31st, 'Backbone of Bataan', Has Never Seen Service in U.S.

Steel core of the Bataan peninsula's heroic defense is a Regular Army outfit unique in the nation's military history. It is the 31st Infantry regiment. America cheers this hard-fighting crew from 6000 miles away, but it has never cheered their colors in the streets of San Francisco or New York—for the 31st has never served in the United States.

Created in the Philippines on Aug. 13, 1916, it has been adopted as "Manila's Own." Its soldiers have seen active service in Russia and China. It was the only white regiment in the Philippines at the war's outbreak.

The 31st Infantry celebrated its second birthday by sailing from Manila to Vladivostok. Its first service in World War I was to keep the Trans-Siberian Railroad open, to assist in the withdrawal of Czech soldiers, and to guard supplies sent to the Russian Army, which had surrendered in the spring of 1918.

Unusual Coat of Arms

The new regiment lost one officer and 29 men killed and 60 wounded, but it came out of its first assignment with one Congressional Medal and 15 Distinguished Service Medals.

The men of the 31st returned to Manila in 1920, an outfit of seasoned veterans. They adopted a coat-of-arms, appropriating the sea lion from the Philippine coat-of-arms (with a rifle held in one flipper) and added a Russian bear to commemorate their Siberian service. Then they settled down in the Philippine capital's old Spanish barracks until the Sino-Japanese conflict called them away from home again.

Ordered to Shanghai

As Chief of Staff, General MacArthur dispatched "Manila's Own" to Shanghai in 1932.

Many of the 31st Infantry soldiers remember their first sight of the Japs across the sandbags of Shanghai's "windy corner" in the bitter February cold. For five months the Army's youngest regiment stood guard alongside Britain's oldest regiment, the famous East Lancashire.

When the regiment left Shanghai the East Lancashires' band played them to the dock. Brigadier Fleming, the British commander, came aboard the transport to say good-bye to Col. L. D. Gasser and his officers of the 31st.

"Gasser," he said, "if there is ever another World War, I hope we serve side by side with the 31st Infantry."

"Passing of Cup"

Out of the "Shanghai Incident" there came a ceremony which, being now 10 years old, may safely be called a regimental tradition. The officers bought a large punch bowl and a silver cup apiece to celebrate their successful Chinese action. Since then

each new officer has received the silver beaker of his predecessor in a ceremony known as "the passing of the cups."

Colonel Gasser, who commanded the 31st in Shanghai, is now a major general and the War Department's representative in the OGD. Maj. Russell P. Hartle, ex-31st Regiment, is now the major general who commands our forces in Ireland.

Scattered throughout the country are a few hundred more men who can say, when they read of Bataan's heroic fighters, "That's my old regiment." And they can say it with a pride that America and her allies may echo and applaud.

THE LAST?

Bataan Overcome

War Department Communique, No. 183

A message from General Wainwright at Fort Mills, received Thursday at the War Department, states that the Japanese attack on Bataan Peninsula succeeded in enveloping the east flank of our lines, in the position held by the 2nd Corps. An attack by the 1st Corps, ordered to relieve the situation, failed due to complete physical exhaustion of our troops. Full details are not available, but this situation indicates that the defenses on Bataan have been overcome.

Straws In the Wind

The Navy will now accept Negro volunteers for general service. Heretofore, Negroes have served only as cooks and stewards aboard ships. The Navy will follow the Army policy of keeping whites and Negroes separate. Entire crews of some small vessels will be composed of Negroes, with white officers and petty officers.

Army Air Forces Ferrying Command, the War Department announces, has expanded in 10 months to where it is conducting operations on a larger scale than the civil airlines in this country.

War Production Board says no more lead foil on cigaret packages after May 1.

Ordnance soldiers are now being trained in assembly and repair of weapons by 12 manufacturers. Enlisted men chosen for the assignment are those showing special aptitude for the work while at replacement centers.

The War Department has offered to buy, rent or borrow the public's surveying instruments—especially transits, levels and plane tables.

Two Hundred Saved by Army Safety Drive

More than 200 lives, it is estimated by the Safety Section, Corps of Engineers, were saved by accident prevention measures on the Army construction program during the calendar year 1941.

The figures are based upon a comparison of the accident frequency rate on Army construction and the corresponding rate on private construction throughout the United States, the War Department announced today.

Over the twelve-month period the Corps of Engineers established an accident frequency rate which was 26 per cent lower than that for private construction as a whole, and a severity rate 41 per cent below that of the private construction industry.

These reductions represent a saving of 206 lives, the prevention of 8560 injuries and the saving of \$11,232,000 in wages to workers.

The accident prevention system of the Corps of Engineers is believed to be the most extensive ever applied to a single construction program. During the period covered by the figures above, the exposure to accident was nearly one billion man-hours and involved a working force of approximately 600,000 employees.

A detailed analysis has been made by the Safety Section of 12,395 lost-time injuries sustained by employees of contractors on the Army emergency construction program during 1941.

A summary of the results of the injury cases surveyed follows:

	Number	Per Cent
Death	130	1.05
Permanent total disability	4	.03
Permanent partial disability	200	1.61
Temporary disability (lost-time)	12,061	97.31
Total	12,395	100.00

Majors' H-Shaped Gadget Turns Cot Into Double-Decker

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Invention of a new type wooden frame by Maj. Harry Kirsner, post quartermaster, will make possible the transformation of ordinary Army cots at this post into double-deck affairs, Col. Wolcott P. Hayes, commandant, revealed this week.

Due to the increase in personnel and limited barracks space, double-deck bunks are advisable, but shortage of metals used for fastening cots together has hitherto added to the problem.

With Major Kirsner's new frames, which are "H"-shaped and simply constructed of four pieces of wood, one cot may be mounted securely above another in five minutes and a sturdy "double-decker" is the result, accommodating two soldiers in the space ordinarily needed by one bed.

RECOGNIZE IT?

Ancient Order Turns Up Anew

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—On inspecting some of their new equipment, Selectees are liable to find anything from old beer caps to 25-year-old news clippings in the pockets of their ammunition belts and other standard equipment which this Army can draw from 1917 over-supplies.

In the Iron Division this week a Selectee was going over his equipment when he came upon an old yellowed paper that turned out to be a message penned by a World War I lieutenant on the familiar YMCA stationery distributed to the AEF of 1917. It was written on YMCA stationery of the Army of Occupation, Aldegund, Germany, May 1, 1919, and was addressed to the Sergeant of the Guard. It read as follows:

"Post No. 5 is added to the limits of this post. This post extends around the river bank directly in front of where the trucks are parked."

"Special Orders—to take charge of all trucks, supplies, oil and gas. During daylight hours to allow no one except those assigned to the trucks to take any of the supplies or molest property whatsoever unless accompanied by the corporal of the guard." Signed: "Charles L. Carey, 2nd Lt., 318 Engineers."

The familiar lines printed on the bottom of the stationery . . . "To the writer: Save by writing on both sides of the paper. To the Folks at Home: Save Food! Buy Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps" . . . remind us of the wartime slogans we are again adopting.

The order is being held by Lt. Benjamin Owens, Co. E, 109th Infantry. Should the writer desire to have his order of some 23 years ago, he may have it by writing to Lieutenant Owens of the 28th Division, Camp Livingston, La.

Ft. Hancock Players on Tour

The Fort Hancock Players began their tour of the Second Corps Area at Fort Dix with a three-act farce, "Room Service." They are one of five outfits that will be on a three-week tour this month.

Experts Will Quiz Prisoners

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Third Army intelligence specialists will be thoroughly prepared to interrogate enemy prisoners of war regardless of their foreign tongue, Headquarters Third Army, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commanding, announced.

Advanced plans, including an intensive six-weeks school for approximately 100 officers and enlisted men at Camp Bullis, have been carefully plotted under the direction of Lt. Col. Thomas R. Kerschner, Assistant Chief of Staff (G-2).

The interrogation of prisoners of war is an art that enables trained specialists to gain valuable information of the enemy. The school will place special emphasis on the technique of asking questions to secure information that a prisoner does not

mean to disclose. The method of study will be a brief review of the principles of combat intelligence (maps, messages, etc.) in English followed by the application of the foreign language to these principles.

Two teams of language experts headed by Maj. Charles R. Warndorf, CE, and Capt. George Schwedersky, FA, respectively, have completed a survey of Third Army units from Mississippi to Arizona to determine the best qualified linguists. Using personal interviews, the teams selected those with a fluent conversational knowledge of at least one for-

eign language. As a result no language groundwork will be necessary when the school opens, and instructors will begin a full eight-hour day of technical study immediately.

Thorough preparations for the special course have been made with material obtained from foreign textbooks, dictionaries, American-born foreigners, Army officers who have served in foreign duty, and from the libraries of San Antonio and various universities. Nucleus of the staff of the IV Army Corps, which has conducted a similar school. The University of Texas has shown worthy cooperation in this work by furnishing personnel to assist in the instruction.

Administrative details for the operation of the school are being handled by Col. John W. O'Daniel, Director of the Junior Officers Training Camp at Camp Bullis.

Wolters Route Step

Special to Army Times.

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—Neither war, Japs, bed-check or two-inch haircuts dent the Camp Wolters soldier's sense of humor—or his originality.

The other night at one of the War Department theaters a "Community Sing" was a part of the film-fare. "Will the men sing the big lines and the women sing the little ones?" said the master of ceremonies.

The hundreds of soldiers present laughed, for they had noted only a lone Army nurse in the audience. But they dutifully, if not tunelessly, roared their lines.

The nurse was brave and did her best to deliver the feminine chorus alone. Then the soldiers sang their lines again.

When the next chorus came up traditional army gallantry exerted itself and, to a man—in high falsetto voices—they took woman's place.

Most embarrassed soldier of the week at this infantry replacement training center was the newcomer who, mistaking the mess officer for a table waiter, said:

"Say, bud, how about bringing me some more tomatoes?"

SCOUT

For a long time men of one battalion here knew when their commanding officer was on a tour of inspection well ahead of the time he actually appeared.

His dog, evidently enjoying the sight of squirming rookies, always preceded him on these tours around the area, and seeing this canine omen, everyone was always prepared.

But that's all changed now. The colonel has trained the dog to trot at his heels.

COUNT

Non-coms of the Camp Wolters Reception Center noticed the meek-looking Negro wriggling and fidgeting after "attention" had been called.

One roared, "What's the matter, don't you know what 'attention' means?"

"Yas, suh," he replied. "It's a six and a four, or two fives if you make it the hard way."

Pfc. Charles W. Medert is one bugler who doesn't have to blow alone each morning when reveille rolls around.

According to Medert 18 hounds have formed a "canine chorus" every morning for the past week and accompanied his efforts.

Company yardbirds declare they prefer the dogs.

VACATION OVER

The sad case of Pvt. Dare Dumas is about to have a happy ending—for Private Dumas. His barracks-mates aren't so happy.

Dumas is a sax player, and enjoys tooting immensely. But when he came into the Army a couple of weeks ago he forgot his "store teeth," and without them the sax had to remain silent.

But Private Dumas has received word from home that the ivories are on their way to him. He's dusting off the horn and buddies are planning on "dusting" him.

He may be in an infantry camp but Pvt. "Cowboy" Wilfong doesn't let that bother him when he wants to apply cavalry tactics.

Recently, at a Mineral Wells, Tex., rodeo Private Wilfong walked off with \$195 prize money for his ability at "bronc peeling."

Boy Impersonates AWOL Brother

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Edward Lester Grover, 17, has left for his home in Baltimore, Md., his attempt at impersonation failure. A dual love-of his brother and of his country prompted him to try to take the place of his brother who had gone AWOL, and to start to serve his brother's sentence of week's hard labor.

Knowing that his brother would become a deserter 10 days after he left the Air Corps Technical School here without leave, young Grover had hitch-hiked his way south to take his brother's place in the 585th Technical School Squadron.

After giving himself up as his brother, Grover took the punishment his brother would have received. Shortly after he paused to rest his blistered hands, however, he was questioned by a fellow worker who knew the real Private Grover. Eddie admitted his true identity and was taken to the Post Chaplain who called the case to the attention of the authorities.

"I wanted to be a good soldier in my brother's place," he explained. "I didn't want him to get in trouble and I didn't want his place to go unfilled."

Anxious now to prove he was not his brother, whose Army uniform and identification tags he had taken,

Mexican Official Inspects Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Dr. Ezequiel Padilla, secretary of foreign affairs for the Republic of Mexico, toured America's largest Army post, Fort Bragg, in company with Josephus Daniels, former Ambassador to Mexico and Dr. Padilla's host during his visit to North Carolina.

The tour of inspection, which was arranged by two officers of the Fort Bragg Public Relations Office, was arranged to show the many points of interest in all the main sections of the gigantic artillery post.

After leaving Fort Bragg, Dr. Padilla will go to Washington for important conferences on the mutual defenses of Mexico and the United States.



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Eddie listed scars, inoculation marks, cigar-smoking habits, and Hon Guard service.

Eddie met Col. Arthur W. Brown, Jr., commanding officer of the 585th and shook hands with his left hand as his right was too full of blister marks. Escorted by squadron officers, Elton Rawson and Lt. Roy W. Grover, he visited the field's mess hall, school buildings, massive hangar and modern station hospital.

This convinced him that he wanted to enlist in the Air Corps as soon as he is 18.



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American Airmen Receive D.F.C. For Rescue in Alaskan Waters

Two American fliers who have accomplished outstanding feats of valor in Alaskan waters have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to a War Department announcement. They are Lt. Eugene T. Yarbrough, of Guntersville, Ala.; and Lt. Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., of Sugar Grove, Ill.

Lieuts. Yarbrough and O'Brien received the Cross for heroism while participating in an aerial flight:

Yarbrough, accompanied by Lieutenant O'Brien, flew to the location. In order to rescue the marooned man, a landing on an ice floe was essential. Locating an exceptionally small but solid floe, Lieutenant Yarbrough

made a landing at a distance of 500 yards from the marooned man. With his companion, and using rope and a rubber boat he proceeded across the ice floe which was crumbling and breaking up in the treacherous tides and currents.

Many times during this hazardous trip, the men broke through the thin ice. On reaching a position near the marooned man, it was possible for Lieutenant Yarbrough and Lieutenant O'Brien to remove him from the floe. The three officers then proceeded to their plane by using rope and the rubber boat.

On reaching the plane, it was determined that to take off with the three men would greatly increase the hazard involved. It was therefore decided that Lieutenant Yarbrough should take off with the rescued man, take him to safety, and then return for Lieutenant O'Brien. The second landing and take off were executed without mishap.



SHARK'S TEETH painted on this P-40 Tomahawk by Randolph Field, Tex., Cadet Harry K. Chennault some day will munch an Axis foe. The man with the brush is a cousin of Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, leader of Gen. Chaing Kai-Shek's Jap-smashing AVG.

NO SISSIES, BUT—

Flowers from the Boskey Dell Make Roberts Paradise Enow

Special to Army Times

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Buds are sprouting on hundreds of newly-planted shrubs and trees that promise to make D Battery, 55th FA Training Bn the garden spot of Camp Roberts this summer. More than \$1,000 worth of shrubbery and flowers has been installed around the barracks and orderly room, as the result of a city-wide campaign conducted in San Jose.

Pvt. Spatz Kills 4 In Latest Whodunit

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—Pvt. F. Donald Spatz, the 1301st Service Unit's detective story writer, has authored his second mystery novel and made arrangements with his New York publisher for its publication.

The brain-child of Spatz's leisure hours since his induction into the Army ten months ago, the "whodunit" chronicles the deft sleuthing of Sgt. Quentin, newspaper columnist and amateur detective, as he solves a series of murders of a famous radio actress, her maid, a burlesque queen and a prominent businessman. Detective Quentin makes his debut in the mystery world against a background of broadcasting studios and the Broadway stage in a chiller hummering with action, humor and complication that baffles not only the inevitable Dr. Watson of the book, Scriptwriter Tracy Dixon, but the reader as well.

The campaign started when Lt. Robert V. Klein asked friends in San Jose, his home town, for plants that could be used to beautify the battery area.

The word spread quickly and the "Mercury-Herald," the local newspaper, took up the appeal with front-page requests for donations of plants and flowers.

Three nurseries swelled the donations by presenting the battery with large quantities of plants and shrubs that were taken from sales stock.

Scores of San Jose residents took part in the campaign, with the largest donation from a private source—two big deadora trees.

The trees, with the encased earth and roots, weighed 5000 pounds each and were hoisted from the ground by a Diamond T wrecker. They have been planted near D Battery's orderly room, and will shade the office when they begin to bloom.

Capt. James C. Creel, who originated the plan to decorate the battery grounds, reported last week that 996 shrubs, plants and trees, 600 iris bulbs and 500 calla lily bulbs were brought back from San Jose.

To Train Men for Field Repairs

Twelve leading manufacturers, holding large contracts to produce defense items, have installed a system of training Ordnance soldiers in every phase of assembly and repair of weapons they are producing, according to a War Department announcement. This instruction, a result of cooperation between the Ordnance Department, Services of Supply, and civilian industrialists, is in addition to army training.

A tank or a gun, repaired and put back into action, is more valuable than one coming off the production line because it is at the front where needed. Replacements of equipment in the field require approximately two months for proof testing and delivery. When a gun, tank, or other fighting tool is put out of action, Ordnance troops must repair it in the shortest possible time. They re-

quire special mechanical training and technical knowledge for this work.

A former automobile manufacturer now producing aircraft cannon, is holding special classes for this training every two weeks. Prominent gear manufacturers are giving intensified courses in production and repair of spare and replacement parts. A sewing machine manufacturer has

a special three-weeks' course teaching the maintenance of complicated fire control instruments. A producer and distributor of spare parts for the automotive industry teaches the repair of new type aircraft cannon instruments.

Enlisted men chosen for these specialized courses have displayed a special aptitude for their work during their initial school-of-the-soldier training at replacement centers. Ordnance officers of the Services of Supply report that industrial leaders throughout the United States are planning to train soldiers in the maintenance of all fighting equipment manufactured in their facilities.

Mellon Assigned to Washington

Richard King Mellon, nephew of the late Andrew W. Mellon, has stepped into an olive drab uniform to report to the Army's Finance Section in Washington as major. He is the second member of the Mellon family to join the Army. His cousin, Paul Mellon, entered the service last summer and is now a second lieutenant of cavalry.

Polk Cub Reporter Proposes 'Date a Week With a Soldier'

By Pvt. Sam Steele

CAMP POLK, La.—(Editor's note: Army cub reporter, reports to his superior officer on an assignment.)

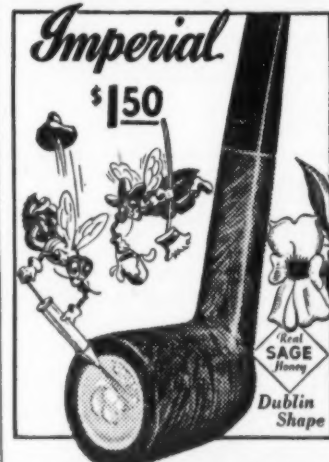
Sir, I covered the Camp Polk Saturday Night Service Club dance at the Norton F. De Four Field House, as you suggested. It turned out to be a swell affair. The girls, many attired in formals, came from ten different cities. Some traveled one hundred miles, and looked like they just stepped off a magazine cover.

There was just one drawback, sir, for every girl there were 10 soldiers, and it kinda made some of the boys sorta sentimental, not having a dancing partner, specially, such nice guys like Milt Svensk, from Torrance, Calif., and Eddie Larsen, just down from Alaska. This gave me an idea, after-all the Army is full of swell guys, they come from every town, and junction in this land, they look forward to these dances, not only here at Camp Polk, but in every Army camp in the country, they want some of that back home feeling

that goes with attending camp dances.

Well, my idea is that every girl put aside one day each week for a fellow in uniform, wherever she is, make it her business to participate with her local social service organization. She's in for a grand time too. Do you think the newspapers will cooperate, and sponsor a "Date a Week With a Soldier?"

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THE WEEK'S COMMUNIQUE:

Start Bataan Push Thursday, April 2.

Philippine Theatre: Two heavy attacks were made by the enemy last night and this morning on our lines in Bataan.

The first assault was made near the center of our positions. The enemy advanced beyond the outpost line from which our troops had been previously withdrawn. Our artillery laid down a heavy fire on the advanced elements of the Japanese infantry, after which our forces counter-attacked and regained possession of the outposts.

The second attack was begun at about 10 o'clock this morning. Enemy assault troops, supported by a heavy concentration of artillery fire, advanced against the left center of the line held by General Wainwright's American and Philippine troops. Savage fighting ensued and the enemy succeeded in penetrating our main line. In a fierce counter-attack, our forces closed the line, pocketing a considerable number of Japanese units. These hostile troops are now being mopped up.

Although the fighting is still in progress, our main line of resistance has been restored and the enemy advance halted. Japanese losses are believed to have been heavy, while our own casualties were surprisingly small. During today's fighting hostile planes attacked our front lines and rear areas in Bataan.

Several hostile air raids were made today on Corregidor, resulting in little damage. Our anti-aircraft artillery shot down three heavy Japanese bombers. A fourth enemy bomber, which apparently had not been hit, blew up in mid-air and fell into Manila Bay.

Artillery duels between the guns of our forts and those of Japanese batteries on the south shore of Manila Bay were frequent during the day.

Shell Rear Friday, April 3.

Philippine Theatre: During the night of April 2 there were several light attacks by the enemy at various points along our front line. All of these assaults were repelled by our troops, with considerable enemy losses. Bombing of our front lines by the Japanese continued today.

There were several light air attacks on our harbor defenses today. These were accompanied by shelling from enemy batteries on the Cavite shore. Our forts returned the fire.

Good Friday was marked by a report of a Japanese air attack on a church at Miral, near Digos, on the Island of Mindanao.

Bomb Corregidor Saturday, April 4.

Philippine Theatre: Air raids on Corregidor continue, but the frequency and intensity of the attacks have somewhat diminished. The bombs dropped during the afternoon of April 3 were different than those of previous days. They burst in the air with huge flames, some of them exploding high above the island. No damage resulted from these attacks. Our anti-aircraft artillery shot down two heavy Japanese bombers and probably damaged two others.

In Bataan the enemy laid down a heavy artillery fire for three hours during the afternoon of April 3, using light and medium guns. From the intensity of the fire it was assumed that it was preliminary to a ground attack. However, no attack developed. Indications are that the enemy has moved some medium artillery from the Cavite shore to Bataan.

Patrols were active on both sides, with several sharp encounters. Japanese dive bombers and attack aircraft raided our front lines and rear areas frequently during the past twenty-four hours in a futile effort to disrupt our forces.

Attempt Landing Sunday, April 5.

Philippine Theatre: Furious fighting raged along the right center of our line in Bataan all through April 4. The enemy launched a heavy infantry assault supported by an intense artillery concentration. Large numbers of shock troops were massed opposite our positions and succeeded in making some small gains. Heavy casualties are believed to have been inflicted on the enemy.

A landing by hostile troops was attempted during the night on the eastern shore of Bataan. A considerable number of Japanese barges, mounting 75-mm. guns and carrying troops, approached the coast. Guns on the barges shelled our beach defenses, but our artillery succeeded in sinking several barges and turning back the others. No landing was effected. Enemy losses were probably heavy.

During the past twenty-four hours Corregidor was free from air attacks for the first time since March 24.

The guns of our harbor defenses exchanged fire with enemy batteries on the south shore of Manila Bay.

Attack on Right Monday, April 6.

Philippine Theatre: The enemy on April 5 renewed the attack on the right center of our line in Bataan. Though the assault was made with great force, supported by tanks, artillery and dive bombers, it was stopped by our troops after hard fighting. The enemy was unable to extend the slight gains made on the previous day. Japanese losses were heavy. One enemy dive bomber was shot down by our anti-aircraft artillery.

Another attempt to land hostile troops on the east coast of Bataan under cover of darkness last night was frustrated by light artillery fire (See COMMUNIQUE, Page 5)



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Do You Hear America's Symphony

By DON MACE

Listen, you Axis rats—
Do you hear that whirring rhythm of machines?
That's America!
Listen, YOU! That rhythm of marching feet, picking
them up and putting them down
On the parade ground of the vast inland camps—
That's America, fella!
It's youth of a youthful hemisphere, THE hemisphere
of the future.
That purr of motors sliding through the blue up yonder,
That slosh-slosh of waves against sleek grey bows—
Better find yourself a hole and crawl in and pull it in
after you, Nazi, and you too, cocky little yellow
man with the spectacles!

All that grace and power was asleep! It might have
stayed asleep too but for you!
You and your furtive torpedoes in the North Atlantic
And your black Sabbath treachery in our Western Isles.

You'll live to regret the alarm that awoke this sleep-
ing symphony.
The music of America was soft and kinda sweet,
The way we played it before Pearl Harbor.
But that aerial crash of cymbals that you thought
finale to our pastoral
Was but a prelude, Jap!
A prelude to a martial symphony—a symphony no
Wagner could conceive—
Or Paderewski play.
Men will play it, though, you Axis slaves—free men;
young men of America will play it.
The puff of blast furnaces, the clang-clang-clang of
the huge air hammers, the brittle crunch of the
the crushers—
Hear them, YOU!
The screeching wheels of the giant cranes, the scrape-
grind-scape-grind of steel wheels on steel
tracks—

Does that sound like what I mean, yellow man?
You ain't heard nothing yet! Nothing! Not a THING!
Wait till that rising rhythm of the factories and fields
reaches crescendo.
Wait till you hear the diapason of the guns and bombs
and guns and bombs and yet more guns and
bombs.
It won't be long now, white and yellow Aryans,
And when it comes, no cave will hide your head—
For steel will fall upon you like the rain, the rain of
doom—
Doom for the brutal doctrine of Mein Kampf;
Doom for the Himmlers, Goerings, Yamashitos;
Doom for the inhumanity of man to man;
Doom for the blood-letters, those who bombed the
children, starved and slew the weak—
Do you hear the rhythm of America, Jap and Nazi?
Do you hear?
You may not live to hear its last, great chords.
Beware the epilogue, yellow man, Nazi.

LETTERS

Mystery

Sirs: In regards to photo and arti-
cle appearing in March 28 issue.
Picture reads, "Lt. Miles instructs
a group in the mysteries of Garand
rifle." It should be a mystery, be-
cause rifle shown is a Browning
automatic rifle.

Pfc. William W. Alley,
Co. I, 109th Infantry,
28th Division.

Camp Livingston, La.

Modesty to One Side

Sirs: First, I cannot begin to tell
you how much I enjoy your paper.
It is splendid. I find its contents
of immense value in my work as
state public relations director for
Selective Service in Iowa.

Frank Miles, Capt., AGD,
Public Relations Director,
State Selective Service.

Des Moines, Iowa.

Trainees Get Timely Tips

FORT SILL, Okla.—A 30-page book-
let, "Timely Tips for Trainees," de-
signed to aid the new recruits and
provide them with information valu-
able during their training period, has
been published by the FA RTC here.

The booklet gives tips on such vital
subjects to the new soldier as mail,
laundry and medical service, K. P.
and other special details, guard duty,
care of barracks, recreational facili-
ties, athletics, special services, libra-
ries, post exchanges, service clubs,
insurance, transportation, passes and
furloughs, pay and promotions and
other general information.

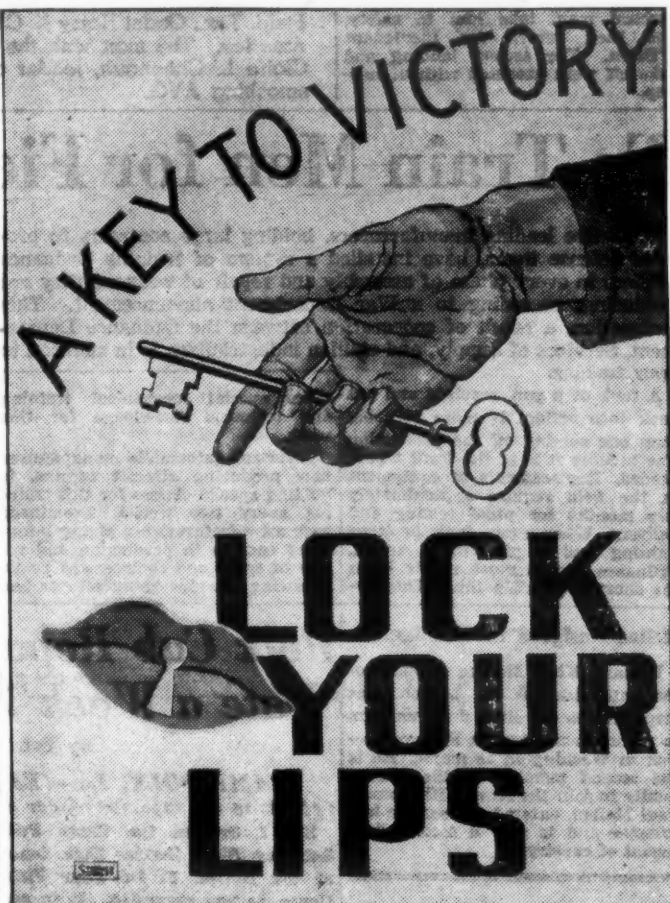
A description of the points of in-
terest in the Lawton and Fort Sill
vicinity is contained in the publica-
tion and it is aimed to help the new
soldier and make his adjustment
from civilian life easier.

It was prepared in the public rela-
tions office of the RTC by Sgt. Gor-
don R. Cloway, public relations as-
sistant, under the direction of Lt.
Col. J. A. Steere, public relations
officer.

Quiet, Please

1. Take charge of my speech and all Army information
contained therein.
2. To "walk" my post with a stiff upper lip conducting
all outside conversations in NON-military vein.
3. To report all violations of these orders by soldiers
other than myself.
4. To repeat to NO ONE all rumors of troop movements,
strength, types and location.
5. To quit talking shop immediately on leaving this post.
6. To receive, digest and FORGET all rumors from "know
it alls," "big shots," and any other source.
7. To talk to no one about troop movements or any other
Army activities.
8. To give the alarms in case anyone I know is releasing
information that would prove of value to the enemy.
9. To call my superior officer in any case of a suspicious
nature.
10. To salute all questions of well meaning civilians with
respect, courtesy and a firm but polite evasion.
11. To be especially watchful when writing letters and
while engaged in conversation with outsiders and to remember
at all times that, any information, no matter how unimportant
it seems, is of value to the enemy.

—Jefferson Barracks (Mo.) Hub



CONFIDENTIAL Pay Bill Sets Up Six Pay Periods For Officers Starting at \$1800

By M. R.

The pay bill (S. 2025), passed by the Senate last week, is now
before the House Military Affairs Committee, due for early action.
Indications are the House will pass it without substantial changes.

The bill sets up six pay periods for computing the annual pay
of commissioned officers below the

grade of brigadier general, as fol-
lows:

The first period, \$1,800; the second
period, \$2,000; the third period, \$2,400;
the fourth period, \$3,000; the fifth

period, \$3,500; and the sixth period,
\$4,000.

The pay of the sixth period shall
be paid, the bill states, to colonels
of the Army; and to lieutenant col-
onels of the Army who have com-
pleted 30 years' service.

The pay of the fifth period shall
be paid to lieutenant colonels of the
Army; and to majors of the Army
who have completed 23 years' service.

The pay of the fourth period shall
be paid to majors of the Army; and
to captains of the Army who have
completed 17 years' service.

The pay of the third period shall
be paid to captains of the Army; and
to first lieutenants of the Army who
have completed 10 years' service.

The pay of the second period shall
be paid to first lieutenants of the
Army; and to second lieutenants of
the Army who have completed five
years' service.

The pay of the first period shall be
paid to all other officers whose pay
is provided for in the legislation.

Officers temporarily appointed to
higher grades or ranks, shall, for the
purposes of the Act, be considered
officers of such grades or ranks while
holding such temporary appoint-
ments.

Every officer paid under the provi-
sions of the Act shall receive an in-
crease of five per centum of the base
pay of his period for each three years
of service up to 30 years: Provided,
That the base pay plus pay for length
of service of no officer below the
grade of colonel of the Army shall

be at a rate in excess of \$479.17 per
month.

For officers appointed on and after
July 1, 1922, no service shall be
counted for purposes of pay except
active commissioned service under a
Federal appointment and commis-
sioned service in the National Guard
when called out by order of the Pres-
ident and service authorized in section
2(b) of the Act of January 19, 1942.

For officers in the service on June
30, 1922, there shall be included in
the computation all service which

was then counted in computing long-
evity pay; and also 75 per centum
all other periods of time during
which they have held commissions
as officers of the Organized Militia
between January 21, 1903, and July
1916, or of the National Guard since
June 3, 1916, shall be included in
computation.

Longevity pay for officers shall
be based on the total of all service
any or all of said services which
authorized to be counted for long-
evity pay.

(See CONFIDENTIAL, Page 4)

It's Up to You and Me

"Fellow Americans, it's up to you and me. America depends on
us; all free men and all free women everywhere depend on us. The
chained slaves of the Axis powers across half the world depend on
us. Liberty, decency, honor, the future of mankind depend on us.
With clear heads, stout hearts, and unwavering devotion and un-
flinching courage, nothing less than all will do. Let us complete
the task we have set ourselves."

That's what Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commanding general,
Services of Supply, said in his Army Day address. He continued:

"In this war, as in all the others we have fought, we Americans
must contrive to have not only the heaviest artillery, the fastest
pursuit ships, the most powerful bombers, the best-trained, best-
armed, best-officered fighting men, but we must contrive to get them
where they are most needed and get them there fast. This we will
do, I am confident.

"No army can win a war unless it can throw more steel and
more high explosive at the enemy than the enemy is throwing at
it. We are rushing this steel and this high explosive to our troops
on five continents with all the speed and vigor we have so far been
able to muster."

Calling on all Americans to do their part in "total war," Gen.
Somervell said:

"Your job, whatever it may be, is closely tied to our war effort.
You may be in uniform, you may be making munitions, or even if
not actually filling shells or fabricating planes or making guns
whatever you do, does have an effect on the war effort. Anything
less than total effort in this total war is not enough."

That's real Yank Talk, that all of us understand. We know it's
up to us, to you and me, and we're going thru with it.

India Hangs in the Balance

Vast, rich India has been inspiration for an equally vast and
British campaign conducted by Dr. Goebbels and his Goebbels.
There are men in the armed forces of America, as well as in civilian
pursuits, who dislike the British so much that they are inclined
to agree with some of the Berlin sources, even though they recog-
nize the propaganda motive behind the article.

However true it may be that Britain's motives and methods
in India are open to some adverse criticism (so are ours in our
dealings with Panama and the Philippines) the attempt now being
made by Sir Stafford Cripps to reach a workable compromise with
Indian leaders gives point to an old phrase: "Only those willing to
fight for it, deserve freedom."

India's attitude toward the war is of great importance to
America as well as to our British allies. It is of even greater im-
portance to India itself. If India is unable to put aside factional
disputes to achieve national unity or something approximating it,
then India deserves to continue indefinitely a subject conglomerate
of races.

China, an even larger, more populous nation, is not fighting
this war for America's or for Britain's sake. It is fighting for
self-respecting, unified China. The Chinese leaders have correctly
concluded that whatever designs Britain and America may have
those of the Japanese and the Nazis are far, far worse.

If India comes to the same conclusion and exerts its strength
to resist the Prussians of the Far East, out of this war will come
a tremendous forward step for the common people of that country
out of it eventually will come freedom for freedom-deserving people.
It will be paid for with blood and treasure and it will be worth
the price.

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'Ah Like No'thern Men Say Sweet Southern Gal

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—Interesting note at a recent dance held by the Iron Division here was a survey made by Pvt. Phil Haimovitz, of the 108th FA in an effort to obtain an answer to his question, "do the young and beautiful of Alexandria like northern soldiers better than southern soldiers?"

In answer to this "most asked question" in this area, Private Haimovitz did yeoman duty at exacting answers as he went from one girl to another during the evenings dancing. Although not all replies were in the hats of the northern men, most of them were. Especially favored were the men of Maj. Gen. Garesche Ord's mighty Iron Division, whose reputation as "gentlemen of Pennsylvania" has survived the months of maneuvers in many southern states, gaining prestige at every contact with the public.

From pretty Miss Mona Fahringer of Alexandria, Private Haimovitz was delighted to know that, "I do find the 28th Division very confident, with the results happily in their favor." She continued to the private's dismay, "The southern fellows are far more fun to be with than the northern men, as I find them more at ease and informal. The northern man talks and acts like Emily Post, and is a little self-conscious." The incident private graciously thanked his hostess and went to another charming southern damsel.

Miss Pearl Pugh of the same town says, "I prefer the northern boys, generally speaking, for they are better dancers. That brings to mind that the northern boys seem a little hesitant in breaking in on dances. Hope they dispense with that attitude," she added a little wistfully. Private Haimovitz immediately cut in on the first dancing couple and found his partner very agreeable.

Miss Alice Nelson, of Pineville, told

the inquiring reporter that she liked the Iron Division men because they taught her the polka! She also thought the Iron men from General Ord's camp were tops when it came to personality and conversation. She shyly added, though, that, "There wasn't anything like the old southern gentleman."

Miss Gloria Hamilton, of Alexandria, pointed out that, "The 28th Division man was a more 'appreciative' soldier than any of the others." She went on to say, "Some day I'd like to marry a northern man." She still likes her southern friends but the Iron men come as a pleasant respite, since most of her southern boy friends are in distant Army camps.

Miss Algie Asche, of Alexandria, says the boys from the 28th Division are full of pep, friendly, poised and know more than the Marines when it comes to taking the situation in hand, "but I like the southern soldiers, too."

While Private Haimovitz did not intend to start a controversy on the subject of southern men vs. northern men, he did find his interrogations very interesting, and not always flattering. Not setting itself as a criterion, this cross-section of opinion from the girls of Alexandria did prove that the southern belles of the fair city of Alexandria weren't adverse to the fond attentions of the soldiers from General Ord's Iron Division. It also confirmed the belief that the men of Pennsylvania are continuing their usual reputation that has been enjoyed by Iron Men throughout the Eastern and Southern seaboard, and it is assuring to know that while engaged in the strenuous training program in Louisiana the art of favorably presenting themselves to the public has not been forgotten by the 28th Division soldier.

Sheppard Snips

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—A recruit of the 405th Technical School Squadron became ill. He moaned around; he felt miserable; he couldn't eat much. Next morning he appeared for sick call and was interned at the hospital for treatment.

When he began to recover, his appetite became ravenous; his hunger grew and grew. But he couldn't eat a bite—until a supply clerk made delivery to the hospitalized recruit. Please teeth!

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Recent addition to the door of a latrine in Sheppard Field post headquarters is a placard in large letters—**TOKIO!**

Pvt. Carleton Young not only received money from home the other day, but also explicit instructions as to how to spend it. On each bill was clipped a note stating that the bill should be spent for reading matter, candy, shines, a shave kit, and cookies.

Private Young fully expects to follow the directions on one count. He expects to spend his money on cookies—perhaps on "cookie" in particular!

Communiques

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from our beach defenses. Corregidor was again free from hostile air raids, but two enemy dive bombers attacked Fort Frank yesterday morning and Fort Drum yesterday afternoon with light bombs. No damage and no casualties resulted.

A delayed message confirms previous press dispatches reporting a successful raid by American Army air units on Japanese shipping at the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal on April 2. The attacking planes were heavy bombers of the Flying Fortress type. The attack was led by Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, United States Army. Direct hits were scored on a Japanese cruiser and a transport. Both ships were left in flames and heavy explosions were observed. Three American planes were slightly damaged by anti-aircraft fire and by enemy fighter planes, but all returned to their base.

Make Gains

Tuesday, April 7.

Philippine Theatre: Savage fighting is in progress in Bataan today where General Wainwright's troops are resisting stubbornly.

AN ALASKAN PORT—Now it can be told—the story of an Alaskan evacuation. And with the telling goes a commendation to three Army nurses who accompanied the evacuation party and helped make the dangerous trip more endurable for the ill and frightened mothers and children who were forced to leave this island outpost.

Wives and children of garrison troops and contractor employees are now safe in continental United States. It leaves the men remaining here free to devote full attention to their work and defense duties without fear of injury to their families in the event of attack.

The three nurses, now safely back on duty, were Miss Maurice Wheeler of Hughesville, Mo., formerly with the St. Louis Baptist Hospital; Miss Dorothy McFadden of Mt. Sylvan, Texas, formerly at the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston, and Miss Mary P. Stanton of San Antonio, formerly at the Santa Rosa Hospital there. All are second lieutenants in the Army Nurse Corps.

They were commended by Brig.

Gen. Charles H. Corlett for their constant and sympathetic service aboard the transport. The general has been in receipt of many letters of appreciation from grateful mothers for the unselfish devotion to duty shown by the nurses in caring for passengers on the long, rolling trip to the mainland.

The evacuation scene as the party left under closely guarded sailing orders was a touching one as fathers kissed their wives goodbye and hugged their children in a farewell embrace that may have to last for months or years, and as youngsters said farewell to pets who had to be left behind.

The voyage had its moments of humor as soldier and sailor attendants showed an unexpected understanding of babies, while women aboard formed themselves into a Baby Volunteer Detail to assist those with families.

There have been many expressions of commendation for those who played a part in making the evacuation a smooth-running affair but none were more deserved than the following letter received from Gen-

eral Corlett by the three Army nurses:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid manner in which you carried out your duties as a nurse with the evacuation party en route in Seattle.

"This assignment was, I know, a

most difficult one. The transport was loaded with women and young children, travelling under the trying circumstances of war.

"Your accomplishment of this mission was a credit not only to the military service, but to the nursing profession."

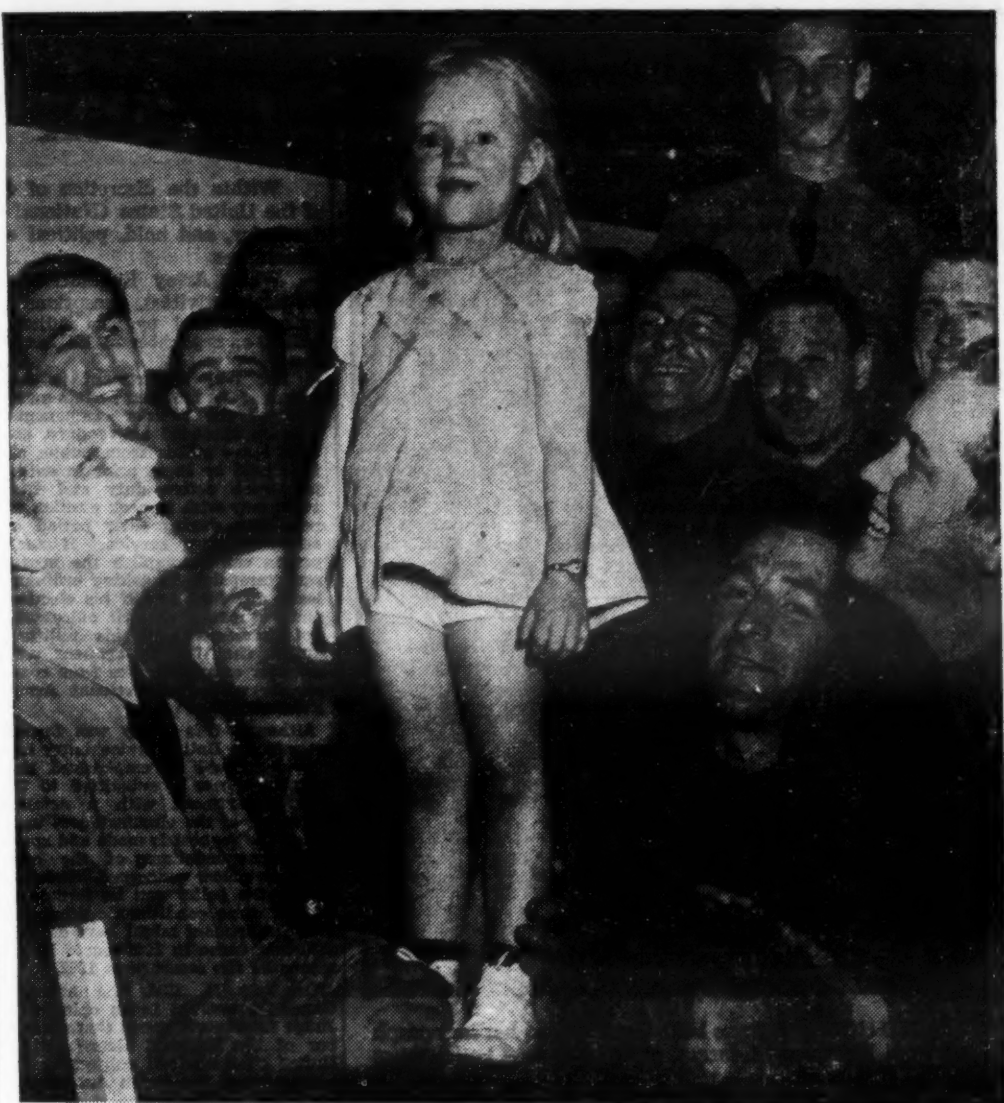
today with General MacArthur. They discussed the considerable part that the Netherlands forces are expected to play as the war progresses in the Southern Pacific. Dr. Van Mook informed General MacArthur that resistance to the Japanese invasion continues in Java. Two Netherlands Indies forces of considerable size, one under General Schilling and the other under General Pressman, are fighting fiercely in the interior jungles and mountains of Java. They are well supplied with food and munitions and are engaging a considerable force of the enemy.

Troops Withdraw
Wednesday, April 8

Philippine theatre: In order to rectify the line in Bataan which had been penetrated by the Japanese, our troops withdrew during the night of April 7 to a previously prepared defensive position.

India: Confirming previous press dispatches Major Gen. Lewis H. Brereton reports in a delayed message that seven American Army heavy bombers of the flying fortress type carried out a successful air raid on the harbor of Rangoon on April 3. Several tons of bombs were dropped, damaging docks and port facilities. Three large fires were started. Light anti-aircraft fire from Japanese batteries was encountered but none of our planes was hit.

Australia: Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, acting head of the government of the Netherlands Indies, announced at Jakarta



BLONDE CHARMER (she sings, too) is Colleen Shawneen Hardin, 3, daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. Nathan S. Hardin, who completely captivated the men of Sheppard Field, Tex., with her songs. —Air Force Photo

3 Nurses Do Their Bit, Get Commendation



Test Driver Don Kenower puts 'em through the jumps for Uncle Sam—shares the Army man's preference for Camel cigarettes.*

YOU BET I SMOKE
CAMELS. THEY'VE GOT THE
MILDNESS THAT COUNTS AND
A FLAVOR THAT'S GREAT!



* With men in the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Coast Guard the favorite cigarette is Camel. (Based on actual sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens.)

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THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCOS



HONOLULU HONEY is Anne Leith Penn, giving her autograph to Pvt. Fred Balazs at Ft. Bragg, N. C. She was voted "Miss Honolulu" last year.

Radio Star Mary Ann Mercer To Be MacDill Guest

MACDILL FIELD, Fla.—MacDill Field soldiers are engaged in a hot contest to see which organization will buy the most National Defense Bonds and Stamps. MacDill Field personnel have the reputation of being extremely generous because of extensive contributions to the Red Cross and the Tampa Community Chest. They always have been heavy buyers of bonds and stamps. The current upsurge in the purchase of the bonds and stamps has been prompted by pretty Mary Ann Mercer, singing star of the airwaves,

who will visit MacDill Field on April 13. The outfit purchasing the greatest amount of bonds and stamps will have Miss Mercer as its messhall guest, and its members will select the soldier who is to be her escort for the day. MacDill Fliers, the post's baseball team and holders of the Florida State Semi-Pro championship, have adopted vivacious Mary Ann as their "dugout girl." Last autumn, the football team at Fort Bliss, Tex., adopted Miss Mercer as their "huddle girl."

Confidential

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evity pay purposes.

Section 2 of the Act provides that the base pay of any enlisted man, warrant officer or nurse (female) shall be increased by 20 per centum and the base pay of any commissioned officer shall be increased by 10 per centum for any period of service while on sea duty, or duty in any place beyond the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, which increases in pay shall be in addition to pay and allowances otherwise authorized:

Provided, That the per centum increases herein authorized shall be included in computing increases in pay for aviation and submarine duty:

Provided further, That this section shall be effective from December 7, 1941, and shall cease to be in effect twelve months after the termination of the present war if proclaimed by the President.

Section 4 states that the term "dependent" as used in the Act shall include at all times and in all places a lawful wife and unmarried children under 21 years of age. It shall also include the mother of the person concerned provided she is in fact dependent on him for her chief support:

Provided, That the term "children" shall be held to include stepchildren and adopted children when such stepchildren or adopted children are in fact dependent upon the person claiming dependency allowance.

Section 5 provides: Each commissioned officer on the active list, or on active duty, below the grade of brigadier general, shall be entitled at all times, in addition to his pay, to a money allowance for subsistence.

The value of one subsistence allowance is hereby fixed at 70 cents per day.

To each officer receiving the base pay of the first, second, third, or sixth period the amount of this allowance shall be equal to two subsistence allowances, and to each officer receiving the base pay of the fourth or fifth period the amount of

this allowance shall be equal to three subsistence allowances: Provided, That an officer with no dependents shall receive one subsistence allowance in lieu of the above allowances.

Money allowance for rental of quarters is provided in Section 6. To an officer having a dependent, receiving the base pay of the first period the amount of said allowance shall be \$60 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the second period the amount of this allowance shall be \$75 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the third period the amount of this allowance shall be \$90 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the fourth period the amount of this allowance shall be \$105 per month, and to such an officer receiving the base pay of the fifth or sixth period the amount of this allowance shall be \$120 per month.

To such an officer having no dependents, receiving the base pay of the first period the amount of said allowance shall be \$45 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the second period the amount of said allowance shall be \$60 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the third period the amount of said allowance shall be \$75 per month, to such an officer receiving the base pay of the fourth period the amount of said allowance shall be \$90 per month, and to such an officer receiving the base pay of the fifth or sixth period the amount of said allowance shall be \$105 per month.

Report on the progress of the bill in the House will be published in the April 18 issue of Army Times.

Basketball Win By Swingsters

On Monday evening, after a thrilling basketball game won by the Swingsters, 36 to 35, at Ft. Hancock, N. J., Brig. Gen. P. S. Gage presented the winning team and the runner-up with appropriate trophies. The winners received a gold trophy and individual gold basketballs, and the runner-up a silver trophy.

Reserves, Guards and Selectees May Ask Leave to Campaign

Within the discretion of the War Department, members of the reserve components of the Army of the United States (National Guard, Reserve Officers and Selective Service soldiers) may be candidates for, and hold, political offices. Personnel of the Regular Army may not do so under any circumstances.

While Army Regulations (AR600-10) prohibit all persons on active duty from participating in political activities, exceptions are made in the case of reserve components by War Department policy expressed by The Adjutant General on September 26, 1941, as follows:

"The War Department is cognizant of the fact that certain members of the reserve components, now on extended active duty, are in a leave status from public offices held by them prior to entering upon active duty and that some may wish to seek election or reelection during their period of active military service. If such person can accomplish the necessary campaign by taking ordinary leave due him, and if his election and occupancy of civil office will not interfere with his military duties, the War Department will consider exempting him from compliance with the pertinent Army Regulations."

Although this policy was formed prior to the United States' entry into war, it should be emphasized that each such case is submitted to the War Department with a detailed statement of the circumstances upon which the request is made and specific recommendations of the commanding officer concerned. It is apparent the policy can be formed to fit war time conditions. What the War Department might have deemed sufficient cause in 1941 would by no means be the measure in 1942.

On July 14, 1941, the Attorney General concurred in an opinion by Judge Advocate General that a member of the National Guard of the United States is not subject to the provisions of the Hatch Act govern-

ing political activities of Federal employees. The finding of this opinion hinged on the fact that such persons, although they may have acquired initial inactive status voluntarily and may have offered their services voluntarily, they nevertheless are subjected to compulsory service and therefore do not fall within the intent of the Hatch Act. (Attorney General, Volume 40, Opinion 19.) Applying the same logic to other mem-

bers of the reserve components, Reserve Officers and men inducted through Selective Service, the Judge Advocate General arrived at the conclusion that the Hatch Act does not apply to any of the reserve components. Thus, the War Department's policy is clearly within the legal interpretation of the Hatch Act set forth by the Attorney General in his concurrence with the Judge Advocate General.

Iron Division Shows Visitors Army Life 'Around the Clock'

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—A new high in military activity was reached here on Monday, Army Day, as men of Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord's Iron Division now stationed at Camp Livingston, went through their paces for the civilians in the territory surrounding the camp.

Lt. Col. Carl L. Peterson, Bn. Commander of the 112th Inf., 2nd Bat., in charge of the program, expended great effort in his attempt to put across to the civilian the tremendous job the American soldier is doing today in his training hours.

Virtually every activity which occupied a soldier's drill periods was demonstrated to the public. From a complete "show down" inspection to intricate field problems—from field

cooking ranges to recreational activity—all was accomplished with the civilian looking on in amazement.

Exhibit which attracted most attention was that in which the new Garand rifle and the light and heavy machine guns were displayed. Mortars—both 60 and 81-mm.—were included in this group and drew forth much comment from the civilian.

The field range was used for baking cookies and making coffee which were given to the civilians as an example of what the Army feeds its men.

In the field, outside the field house, various other arms and equipment were shown. The Artillery, with its "big guns," drew much attention, while Infantry soldiers in an adjacent field went through a maneuver in a demonstration of Army tactics.

During the afternoon, a group of trainees were marched to the area in which the exhibits were placed and shown what the Army was expecting of them. The expression on their faces showed better than anything else that they would allow nothing to stand in their way in their attempts to become soldiers worthy of the name "Iron Men."



DUGOUT GIRL is Mary Ann Mercer, radio star of Uncle Walter's Doghouse, who had that title bestowed upon her by the fliers of McDill Field, Fla.

Now He Always Predicts Rain

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Sgt. Robert C. Black, graduate of the weather observation school here, was gently snubbed by the fickle finger of fate.

In his absence from the post, while he was attending an Army teletype school, he was chosen with two other men to assume new duties in one of the Army's many foreign service posts as weather observers. It was a sudden order, and as the Army required the replacement at once, Sgt. Walter A. Pflum was substituted in Black's place.

At the railroad station three anxious boys, full packs on their backs, and sealed orders yet unopened deep in their pockets, eagerly awaited the train, the train which would take them to adventure and romance in an unknown land. Slowly the train came to a standstill and who got off but Sergeant Black, unaware that one of the three buddies he bade a hasty good-bye was none other than himself by proxy.

And now Sergeant Black is sick at heart, and dreaming of romance and adventure as he pursues the drab, monotonous, routine duties of post life while he ponders, with just a bit of envy, the fate of those three buddies.

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The Air Lines CBS Begins New Orientation Series

A six-week series of radio (Orientation) programs broadcast over CBS, 6:15 to 6:30 p.m., EWT, each Thursday, began this week with a talk by Edward R. Murrow, CBS European manager, speaking at West Point on "The Road to War." Others scheduled are Leigh White, April 9; Quentin Reynolds, April 16; Wm. L. Shirer, April 23; Herbert Agar, April 30; and Sgt. Alvin C. York, May 7.

Rathbone Plays Arnold

"Cavalade of America" is to cross the Atlantic again for its broadcast of Monday, April 13, to present Rathbone as Benedict Arnold in an original radio drama by Robert Nathan, entitled "A Continental Romance." (NBC-Red, 8:00 p.m., EWT.) Rathbone, famed Sherlock Holmes of the air, was selected as the role of the one-time traitor military hero who came to betray his country and make his name a synonym for traitor.

Dr. I. Q." for Armed F

Dr. I. Q." has just joined the family of leading network sponsored programs currently being shorted via NBC stations WRCA and WJL to service men outside continental U. S. Broadcast time will Tuesday, 1:15-1:45 p. m., EWT, alternate transcription.

The Mutual network will broadcast exclusively the opening base game of the 1942 season between World Champion New York Yankees and the Washington Senat-

BARKELEY BITS

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Soldiers at Camp Barkeley will have no excuse for not writing to folks at home or to the best girl friend in the next few days, as Uncle Sam decided to foot the bill on all class mail sent out by members of the armed forces. Heretofore, soldiers who wanted to write home and postage bills taking a sizeable chunk out of the month's pay. During the last World War members of the AEF were allowed free postage, and the House and Senate have decided to continue that practice throughout training camps as well as overseas garrisons during the present crisis.

MADE America's first wartime Army Day celebration here took place with Camp Barkeley's participation highlighted by a 45th Division parade through Abilene. For the first time in this post-war observance was held, the Army will illustrate strenuous effort in military training. Carefully selected men will be shown at various military displays in town where they will explain to the public the techniques in operating various items of warfare.

While walking around the corner building 1st Sgt. Clay Crawford, C. 120th Med. Bn., noted a soldier leaving with a jacket draped over his arm bearing two shiny bars across his shoulder. Thinking him to be a captain, Crawford, who is from Muskogee, Okla., saluted. "As you were," the man laughed. "I caused Sergeant Crawford to go around, just in time to realize he had saluted a private, the sergeant's orderly."

1st Sgt. Charles Hunter, 45th Div. H.Q. faces the prospect of giving 15 anti-rabies inoculations in

ons on Tuesday (April 14) beginning at 2:45 p.m., EWT.

The broadcast will originate from WOL. Russ Hodges, WOL sportscaster, will do the play-by-play from Griffith Stadium, Washington



NOT CHAMPAGNE, but a bag of oxygen christens this Curtiss AT-9 at Ellington Field, Tex. Styled an "air jeep" the bi-motored plane is used as a transition trainer.

—Ellington Field Photo

as many days; but he is not at all mad. In fact, he is grateful to Mr. E. S. Kean, whose dog had died of rabies, and who had notified the camp authorities. This may be instrumental in saving his life.

On March 21, Sergeant Hunter accepted an invitation to ride to Weatherford, Tex., where he went to see the girl he has since married. On the way he played with a friendly pooch in the back seat.

When he returned to camp, he read a bulletin warning him that the dog he had played with died of rabies.

Sergeant Hunter may have to delay his honeymoon; but his bride will not hold that against him.

"I hate to think what might have happened if Mr. Kean didn't write," Hunter shuddered.

TAKES RAP

First Sgt. A. B. Taylor, 145th Truck Co., 120th QM Bn., should be awarded some kind of medal for his altruism. When his company failed to pass an inspection, Taylor himself volunteered to accept the confinement that had been meted out to the company. The request was acceptable to the company commander—and to his grateful buddies.

A First Sarge at 20, Cochran Airman Has His Eyes on Stars

COCHRAN FIELD, Ga.—The 322nd School Sqn. here now claims the youngest first sergeant on the field and one of the youngest first sergeants in the United States. He is 20-year-old Sergeant Lloyd Menefee who received his advancement orders March 1st. The new first sergeant has replaced Sergeant Alex Znaiden for whom "something new has been added," namely, Tech., and the latter will now work on the flight line at 322nd Engineering.

Previous to his appointment as first sergeant, Menefee was representative of his squadron in the personnel office at Post Headquarters. Immediately after graduating from Simon Kenton high school in Independence, Ky., allowing no grass to grow under his feet, he fulfilled his ambition and joined the U. S. Army Air Corps July 12, 1940. He first served at Maxwell Field and after a period of time served at Gunter Field until he was transferred to this post early last year.

Until he was appointed "Top Kick" of the 322nd, Menefee had been assigned to duties in personnel work at all three posts and is well familiar with the intricacies of personnel work.

Sgt. Menefee has two brothers and all three might well be called "The Three Musketeers." One brother is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., and the other at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Col. George Heads Ferry Command

Brig. Gen. Robert Olds, who organized the Army Air Force Ferry Command, has stepped out and has been succeeded by Col. Harold L. George. He took this action in anticipation of new duties, the nature of which have as yet not been made public.

It is understood, however, that General Olds will proceed to Drew Field, near Tampa, Fla., for duty with the Third Air Force, commanded by Maj. Gen. Frank Walker.

Cost of Equipping Soldiers Up 5 Per Cent in Year

Now costs the Government four per cent more to outfit a soldier than it did a year ago. Clothing needed for the average enlisted man when he begins duty costs Army \$90.35. Maintenance cost clothing for a year in continental United States is \$63.56, making a total clothing cost for his first year in the Army of \$153.91. Under actual conditions, the maintenance cost may be materially increased. Regular issue of clothing for the soldier includes: 1 woolen coat, \$22; 2 pairs of woolen trousers at \$11.12; 1 overcoat, \$14.88; 1 pair of shoes, \$7.20; 2 flannel

shirts at \$3.94, \$7.88; 2 cotton khaki shirts at \$1.79, \$3.94; 1 woolen Garrison cap, \$8.2; 2 cotton khaki Garrison caps at \$3.9, \$7.8; 2 pairs cotton khaki trousers at \$2.42, \$4.84; 2 woolen shirts at \$1.26, \$2.52; 2 pairs cotton shorts at \$3.33, \$6.66; 2 woolen undershirts at \$1.50, \$3.00; 2 cotton undershirts at \$2.30, \$4.60; 1 field jacket, \$7.88; 2 herringbone twill jackets at \$2.10 apiece, \$4.20; 2 pairs of herringbone twill trousers to go with jackets, at \$1.86 apiece, \$3.72; 2 herringbone twill caps at \$4.3, \$8.6; 2 cotton mohair neckties (new type) at \$1.16, \$2.32; 1 web waist belt at \$2.0; 1 pair woolen, o. d. gloves, \$8.9; 4 cotton handkerchiefs at \$0.6

apiece, \$2.4; 1 steel helmet, \$9.9; 1 helmet liner with head band and neck band, \$1.76; 2 pairs cotton tan socks at \$1.5 a pair, \$3.0; and 2 pairs light woolen socks at \$3.3 a pair, \$6.6.

ONE CHAIR, THREE MEN

Uncle Sam pays \$44.81 for an enlisted man's barrack equipment for one year. Of this amount, \$33.01 is initial cost, and \$11.80 is maintenance cost (in continental United States) for the year. This barrack equipment includes: 1 mosquito bar, \$3.80; 2 mosquito bar rods at \$2.4 apiece, \$4.8; 2 woolen blankets at \$6.85 apiece, \$13.70; 1 folding chair per 3 enlisted men, \$1.65; 2 clamps to hold mosquito bar on steel cot, at \$1.2

apiece, \$2.4; 1 comforter \$3.08; 1 folding steel cot, \$3.42; 1 mattress, \$5.40; 1 pillow, \$6.3; 2 pillow cases at \$2.9 apiece, \$5.8; 1 holder (to be placed at foot of cot with enlisted man's serial number on it), \$0.3.

Individual equipment for the average soldier for one year requires an expenditure of \$20.35, of which \$17.19 is initial cost and \$3.16, upkeep. When he enters the service the enlisted man receives the following items of individual equipment: 1 toilet set containing shaving brush at \$3.8; tooth brush at \$1.0; comb at \$0.7; safety razor with 5 blades, \$3.0; 1 pair of web suspenders, \$1.32; 2 identification tags with 40 inches of

and 761st will soon be joined by many more. The abbreviated "blitz" units, some composed of light tanks, and others of the 30-ton medium monsters, are stationed at nine different camps throughout the nation. Others, now in actual combat, were the first Armored Force units to be engaged in the war.

The small, compact units, possessing great mobility and packing a powerful wallop of firepower, are easily handled and can quickly be attached to larger units for the mailed fist punches so vital in modern warfare. The officers and men receive their basic training at the Armored Force Replacement Training Center, and the technicians at the Armored Force School, both at Fort Knox, like the personnel for the 12,000 men armored divisions.

Croft Capers

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—With ideal weather prevailing, Camp Croft's celebration of Army Day Tuesday with "open house" proved a decided success. Hundreds of people were entertained during the day as the military personnel went all out to show the layman the "inside" of a modern infantry training center. Outstanding event of day's program was the garrison review which saw 15,000 troops in line of march. . . . Croftmen celebrated Easter in the traditional manner, with all religious denominations reporting heavy attendances at services. . . . Capt. James C. Pennington has been named Croft quartermaster, to succeed Col. Stanley J. Backman, now quartermaster of Fort Bragg. . . . Next thing to Uncle Samuel's proposed petticoat army is Camp Croft's Soldierettes, newly formed by wives of soldiers here for purpose of sponsoring recreation activities for military folk. . . . Croft's personnel adjutant since its activation, Capt. Harold Odiorne, was transferred to staff of adjutant general's school in Washington as an instructor. . . . Croft's information bureau, which acts as a liaison between visitors and stationed soldiers, handles 500 querying people on an average weekend. . . . The highest score ever recorded for the 100-inch machine gun—196 points out of a possible 200—was notched on the Croft range by a Brooklyn (N. Y.) trainee. . . . Col. Stanley G. Backman, Camp Croft quartermaster since March 24, 1941, was transferred last week to Fort Bragg (N. C.) to assume the position of post quartermaster there. An Army veteran of 25 years, he took over the reins of the Croft quartermaster when it was in the formative stage and developed it into one of the finest organizations of its kind in the Army. . . . Four other "veteran" officers of Croft also were given new station assignments. They included Lieut. Col. Francis M. Rich, Don H. Holmes, Robert J. Kirk, Jr., and Jefferson B. Willis. . . . A potential ace performer in Uncle Samuel's paratroopers is Martin Barrette, of Croft's 31st training battalion, who, in civil life, was one of the "Flying Barrettes," bigtime trapeze entertainers. . . . Loren T. Jenks, only chaplain in Croft belonging to the Regular Army chaplain corps, was promoted from rank of first lieutenant to that of captain last week. . . . Igor Gorin, nationally prominent baritone singer, was presented in concert at Croft's service club. . . . Spartanburg County (S. C.) citizens donated over 1100 books to Camp Croft in taking part in nation-wide Victory Book campaign. . . . The comprehensive educational training program for Croft soldiers who lack the ability to understand, speak or write the English language has returned scores of men to their regular basic training units with added confidence and understanding in their undertaking, since the project was inaugurated last October.

tape at \$.025 each or \$.05; 2 hand towels at \$.14 each or \$.28; 1 bath towel at \$.40; 2 barrack bags at \$.59 each or \$1.18; 1 canvas field bag, \$2.20; 1 cartridge belt for dismounted soldier (if armed with rifle, \$2.55); 1 pistol belt (if armed with pistol), \$1.28; 1 mess kit containing the following items: 1 canteen, \$.41, and cover, \$.43; 1 pack carrier, \$.74; 1 cup, \$.31; 1 fork, \$.07; 1 spoon, \$.07; 1 knife, \$.13; 1 haversack (if not issued field bag), \$.42. Also in his individual equipment are the following: 1 web pocket (if armed with pistol), \$.34; 1 first aid pouch, \$.17; 1 strap for carrying field bag (for soldier issued field bag), \$.17, or (if not

Here's a Quick Glance at a Typical Tank Crew



IT TAKES four men to handle this buggy. Left to right are: Pvt. Carl Bell, Pvt. Rafael Cisneros Jr., Cpl. Bartlett V. Allen, and Sgt. William F. Nash. They're with the 13th Armored regiment, 1st Armored Division.

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Take a salesman from Nevada, a sheep herder from Texas, a steelworker from Indiana and a highway constructionist from Kansas, season them with nearly a year's intensive training, then serve fighting mad in one of Uncle Sam's new light tanks and you've got the recipe for tank terror ala American.

Of course, these basic ingredients have to be spiced with activity, stamina, intelligence and coordination before the perfect tank team can be rolled off the assembly line.

Four young tank men of Company C, 13th Armored Regiment of the 1st Armored Division stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., typify the toughened soldiers who ride in the bowels of steel juggernauts. Their veteran company commander calls them "typical of most tank crews."

In action they hurl hundreds of bullets per minute at the enemy—but their favorite food is soft, creamy ice cream. All read the comics faithfully. Each man has his pet actor and actress of the screen. They like the Army best for its chance it gives them to study motors. Their pet gripe is "housekeeping chores" for combat outfits. When the sledding gets tough and somebody complains to them, the complainant will get an answer like this: "Don't tell me your troubles. The chaplain's right across the parade grounds."

No. 1 man of the crew is Sgt. William F. "Trailer" Nash, ex-salesman,

now a tank commander. He's the sparkplug of the outfit who keeps the crew alert in the stuffy atmosphere of the tank by a constant chatter. He's also the top gunner and can pierce a target with a millimeter cannon 87 times out of every 100 tries. And that's shooting at a stationary target from a moving vehicle. Nash has traveled in all states and Mexico and Canada. Short and wiry, he's a natural athlete and former minor league baseball player. Nash comes from Nevada, but has never seen the inside of a marriage bureau or divorce court.

Cpl. Bartlett V. Allen, a former highway constructionist from Glenna, Kansas, was also a midget racer in his civilian days. Now he does his racing for Uncle Sam. On the driver of a pigmy car, he hurtles a 14-ton fortress forward with the same determination—out in front and stay there. Allen, 29, oldest member of the crew, studied as a geology major for three and one-half years at Kansas State College. In some respects he's found the tank like a bathtub—conducting to yodeling. As the men ride into "practice battle," Allen yodels while the others simulate the playing of musical instruments. Allen's hero is the late Capt. Collin Kelly, American pilot who sacrificed his life blowing up a Jap warship.

Pvt. Rafael "Chico" Cisneros Jr., McAllen, Texas' contribution to the crew. Chico, smallest and youngest member at a weight of 152 and age of 20, was a sheepherder before he became the assistant driver. He has jet hair, a flashing smile and teeth to match. A whiff of the old west, he loves to ride horses, drink beer and fondly gaze at the pictures of 13 girls he guards in his foot locker. To him the Japs and Nazis are "like sheep." Says Chico: "Someday I'm going to ride herd over them."

Fourth man in the quartet is a former steelworker from Gary, Indiana. Pvt. Carl "Ding" Bell. Officially he's the biggest eater and tips the scale at 178 pounds. He loves thick juicy steaks. Bell is married and has a five-month-old son. Blond, tall and solid, he spends much of his spare time studying radio, and is now a student in an advanced radio school at his request. The object of his admiration is Coach Gilroy, head physical director of Gary schools. Bell thinks Gilroy is the fairest man he ever knew.

Men Hand-Picked to Skin Mules at Sill

By Pvt. Walter Stevens

FORT SILL, Okla.—The lowly mule, an animal whose feelings are never hurt by an explosive series of cuss-words, plays a vital role in one of the unsung but most interesting units at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill.

The critter, long renowned for his strength, sure-footedness, "economical operation"—and stubborn nature—is the No. 1 bit of equipment in three batteries of the 26th Battalion.

More than 200 of the animals, most of them saddled for the first time at the Fort Sill Training Center, are doing duty along with the men who form the personnel of Batteries "C," "D" and "E" of the 26th. Batteries "A" and "B" use horses in their training. Battalion commander is Lt. Col. G. B. Coverdale.

Mostly Six-Footers

Not only the mules make the three pack batteries unique, however. The men, too, are entitled to recognition for all are MEN. Physique is all-important in mule pack outfits for it takes big, strong men to pack 75-mm. guns and other loads on the animals. So when you see a battery of six-footers, with little variance in height and weight, you can make a safe bet that the boys are mule packers. At the Casual Battalion where new recruits arrive, tape measures and scales help to get the big men to the mule pack batteries. Soldiers must be more than five feet, ten inches in height and must weigh more than 155 pounds to qualify. It wouldn't be fair to classify the packers as men with "strong backs but weak minds,"

however. One of the big jobs of the packers—their biggest, in fact—is the firing of the 75-mm. howitzers which are taken to their stations on the backs of the mules. To correctly and rapidly fire these guns requires men alert in mind and body, able to think quickly in combat and to take commands from observation posts with the greatest possible speed and accuracy.

This type of cannon weighs about 1,200 pounds and it requires six mules to carry the sections of one piece. One of the most sure-footed and sturdy of all animals, the mule can carry the gun over steep hills, rocky terrain, across streams and places inaccessible to other means of transportation.

Come from Oklahoma

There are 70 mules in the stables of each of the three mule-pack batteries. Most of them came from the remount station at Fort Reno, Okla., where they were inoculated against various diseases and processed almost like the men are processed in an Army reception center.

"Battery 'C' is in its fourth week of its first training period as a mule pack unit, having changed from a horse-drawn outfit just recently. Batteries 'D' and 'E' are in their third training periods.

Cadremen, trained in Batteries "D" and "E" for the most part, had the unenviable task of breaking in most of the mules which came to the Training Center with little knowledge of what a bit or saddle felt like. Some of the animals are still far from amiable but they are gradually getting accustomed to their tasks in the Army. Like humans, the mules need time in which to acclimate and adjust themselves

to new tasks.

Huge stables, approximately 60 by 200 feet in size, house the mules in the area west of the Training Center and each battery has three. A stable sergeant and stable orderly are assigned to each battery but the members of the battery themselves do most of the work attendant to feeding and caring for the mules. They serve as stable guards (armed with pitch forks, not rifles), stable police and in other capacities. Saddle and blacksmith shops are maintained by each battery near its stables.

22 Miles—4 Hours

It takes a good man to keep up with a mule and therefore mule packers must learn to take long hikes in company with the animals. Midway in each training period an overnight hike, in which a total of nearly 50 miles is covered, tries the endurance—and the feet—of all trainees. Recently the first platoon of Battery "C" covered 22 miles in slightly more than four hours on a return from one of its overnight hikes.

Tramping over the vast open spaces, eating and sleeping in isolated valleys near quiet streams, lolling beside campfires beneath the bright moon or twinkling stars, the mule packer is a unique character in the Army—and one whose particular skill and task is of great importance.

Principal mule pack outfits are at Fort Bragg, N. C., Fort Lewis, Wash., in Panama and in Alaska. To one of these four points is likely to go the groups which are receiving their training at Fort Sill.

Medics Have Their Own West Point

CAMP LEE, Va.—When a Regular Army top sergeant takes orders from a buck private and carries them out, it's news in any man's army. Yet it can, and does happen here—in this camp's prep school for Medical Administrative Corps' officer candidates.

Despite the fact that candidates may act as company or battalion commanders during their term at the school, each man begins the course as a rookie. As the result, private or master sergeant, novice or walking field manual, the rookie starts from scratch and keeps digging. A shavetail's baton is in his pack, but many a tent pin comes out and goes

into the ground straight before he gets to it.

Originated late in November, 1941, in accordance with Brig. Gen. William R. Dear's plan to instruct all officer candidates leaving his command in the fundamentals of military and medical training, so that they would

be better prepared for the officer candidate school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Camp Lee's school became the first of its kind.

Patterned after the training given at the Medical Department's "West Point" at Carlisle, the four-week course is planned to first determine if a man is qualified to lead other men. The grading system allows 40 points for the ability to command troops in the field, another 40 points for the final examination covering all subject matter taught, and 20 points for general conduct.

Since November, three classes have completed their prepping here, each class benefitting from a revised and improved course. To build a reserve of officer candidates, 70 men are selected each month from the Medical Center's nine battalions to receive this training. After completing their training, the 20 or 30 highest-ranking are sent to Carlisle, depending on the month's quota, while the remaining candidates become members of the reserves.

Candidates are graded at all times on their military bearing, personal appearance, alertness, judgment, attention to duty, deportment, force, command, etc. Although graded and instructed by officers recently graduated from Carlisle, much of the time they are under their own direction, alternating as "acting officers."

Competition is extremely keen, and all who aspire to gold bars are kept constantly "bucking." Uniformity is a "must" and immaculateness is the order of the day in this stringent course.

A demerit system acts as a constant prod and many a negligent first

Give Soldiers Free Bus Rides In St. Louis, Aldermen Ask

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—A resolution urging the St. Louis Public Service Co. to grant free rides on street cars and buses to service men in uniform has been adopted by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.

In his resolution, Alderman Louis A. Kenkel claimed that "the compensation which most of the men receive who are connected with the armed forces of the United States is so meager that those who are dependent entirely upon their earnings from the Federal government to pay their actual expenses find it almost impossible to make ends meet."

The St. Louis County Bus Company's recent move to provide free transportation to service men was termed by Alderman Kenkel as "a commendable and patriotic gesture on the part of the management of the company." The bus company operates 60 buses on 10 lines in St. Louis County.

The resolution read: "The Board of Aldermen feels that it would not only be a gracious act on the part of the Public Service Co. of St. Louis to emulate the St. Louis Bus Co. in this regard, but it would also in-

crease their participation in the great drive now being made to secure victory."

In the St. Louis area are the huge Jefferson Barracks' Air Corps RTC and Scott Field, Ill.

Bragg Dedicates New Chapel

FT. BRAGG, N. C.—Fort Bragg's 22nd chapel was opened Sunday afternoon, March 29, to serve the two cantonment hospitals.

The dedicatory ceremony included addresses by Brig. Gen. Henry C. Coburn, post surgeon, and Post Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert K. Mathews, as well as a concert on the organ in the chapel and musical numbers by a choir composed of members of the Army nurse corps and enlisted men.



BREAKFAST in bed is liquidly offered Snitch, canine recruit of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Sgt. Milton S. Jandzik appears to enjoy the task.

three-grader has been mortified and subjected to the jibes of his fellow candidates when demerits were posted opposite his name on the bulletin board. It may have been that his shoes were an inch out of line, or a microscopic bit of dust on his footlocker during inspection.

Lee's officer prep school is tough, but it's good. It serves its purpose well, and any of the graduates will tell you, "I was glad when it was over, but I wouldn't have missed it. It's what we needed."

S-p-e-e-d

FT BRAGG, N. C.—Here's a record for field artillery outfits to shoot at: In a demonstration by the 9th Div. infantrymen, a 75-mm. gun section of Capt. William W. O'Neill's "B" Battery of the 8th FA Bn. brought up its prime mover from a bivouac area 50 yards away, put the piece in march order, coupled it to the truck, loaded all the equipment and mounted personnel—all within 29 seconds.

A PERSONAL LETTER

Wherever You Go, the Red Cross Will Be Right There With You

News Item: "A contingent of 15 Red Cross workers arrived safely in Iceland for duty with American armed forces stationed there . . ."

Dear Soldier,

You're going to shove off. Tomorrow, maybe, or next month. You don't know whether it's to be the tropics or the Arctic, but this you should know: the American Red Cross will be there too.

Maybe it's already on the ground waiting to wave you a welcome when you come ashore under strange skies. There have been a lot of men—and young women, too—around National Headquarters in Washington getting ready, just as you have been doing, to sail for those far-away ports nobody mentions out loud even if they know the names.

Maybe you've seen some of these Red Cross workers on the home base. Perhaps when you were in the station hospital and needed a lift of some kind, even if it was only a deck of cards. Possibly when you went to the hospital parties and had a good time in the process of getting better. On the other hand, you may not have been sick at all, but someone in your family was and they needed you at home for a few days. Here you were, with that telegram from Dad saying that Mom was laid up and wanted you to "come home at once"—which was where the Red Cross came in.

Telegrams like that have a way of arriving just before payday when a fellow's broke. After all, \$30 isn't much folding money to stretch over a whole month. So you told the C. O. about it, and he sent you over to see the Red Cross field director.

That individual didn't take your word for it right off. He's sympathetic, but he's no sucker. In less time than it takes a jeep to clear a hedge, he's sent off a telegram to your hometown chapter to get the facts. He told you he'd let you know the answer the minute it came in. That was all right, too. Because if Mom really needed you, you got a lot of service—if the field director had to pile out of bed in the middle of the night to see you through. Maybe he hitched up the official Ford and drove you into town to catch the next bus. He forked over enough cash for a loan to see you there and back with enough extra money for the essentials.

You would have been in quite a jam if the Red Cross hadn't been around. You would have worried your head off. You might have gone AWOL, and landed in the guard house. As it was, you heard that Mom was better, but she still needed you. Your C. O. loosened up with that furlough the minute the Red Cross said it was okay.

Well, Soldier, where you're going the furlough business will be out. But there may be other things besides tropic ants to bother you. And the Red Cross will be around to help set things straight. It will still be in touch with the Red Cross Chapter in your home town, may be able to get a cable through in an emergency when you can't. And besides, a cablegram half way round the world is pretty expensive. It would make quite a dent in your overseas pay, even if the company clerk has his paperwork in order and you're getting your cash regularly.

Maybe you've left a young wife and baby at home, or your parents may need help. You're hundreds of miles away from home and there isn't much you can do about it. But the Red Cross can. That's what it is there for.

You have allotments, insurance papers, government

claims to think about, too. There's where the field director can steer you through all the procedure so that when the war clouds roll away and everything clears up, you won't be left holding the bag, just because you didn't quite know what to do.

Maybe you left in such a hurry that you hadn't time to settle some business matters that were hanging fire. The home town chapter will take care of that, too.

All this adds up to the fact that where the American service man goes, the American Red Cross goes too. That's why these Red Cross workers are slipping off in groups of eight or ten or twelve just as quietly as you are. They are preparing to give you as far as possible the same service abroad as you got in the camps here in the States.

Incidentally those young women in these groups aren't nurses. They are going to work in the hospitals, but they won't give you medicine or smooth out your pillows when you are sick. They'll leave that to the white-uniformed Army nurses who will be around too.

These Red Cross girls are there for a different purpose. If you are sick, they will work right along with the Army nurses and the medical officers to help you get better.

How will they do it? Well, for one thing, if you are flat on your back you'll think of a lot of things that are all wrong. The young woman in the starched gray uniform will listen to your troubles as if you were the one and only soldier in the world. She may know the answers right away; remember, she has a powerful organization behind her with a lot of resources you never heard of. But if she can't help right offhand, she may be able to if you give her a little time. She'll write letters for you and keep everything confidential—even what you want written to your best girl. She won't discuss your affairs with anybody else, for she's been trained in her job, just as the nurse has been in hers.

Then when you get better and time hangs heavy, you'll meet another girl in gray. She's the recreation worker, and it's her job to help you get better by providing entertainment for you. There'll probably be some place around the hospital where patients who are able to walk can get together for a card party or a show of some sort. She knows what soldiers like in the way of entertainment for she, too, has served in the camps before she was chosen for her job overseas. She won't have any movie stars or glamour girls to put on a show for you, but she'll do her utmost to make you feel more cheerful about your lot.

The other girls are there to help out with the paperwork, and you'll find them in the Red Cross offices. They're all in uniform. That's to let everybody know they are American girls in a strange land. They've taken exactly the same chances that you have through dangerous waters to get there, just to make things a bit easier for you.

That's about all for today, Soldier. If you get sick, or just plain homesick, or get worried about anything, just look around till you see that Red Cross flag flying in the breeze. You'll find it right beside Old Glory. It's there to help you, and if you don't believe it, look up your Army Regulation 850-75!

—The Red Cross



REDHEADED Dollie Dearman endeared herself to the men of France Field, Canal Zone, with this dancing presentation from the "Camel Caravan."

—Air Force Photo

Frustrated Bragg Cook Turns The Sarge's Gibes Into a Book

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—"See Here, Private Hargrove," is the title that Henry Holt and Co., New York publisher, has chosen for the forth-

coming book on Army life written by Pvt. Marion Hargrove, former Charlotte, N. C., journalist now on an extended tour of duty in the United States Army.

The title is not an original phrase—exasperated sergeants used it often as they attempted to put Private Hargrove through the paces in a training battery of the FARC. They were endeavoring to make a cook of him, but their only appreciable success was in providing him plenty of hilarious incidents to be recorded in his regular feature column in the Charlotte News.

The book, a collection of the columns written during his basic training period, will be published in late July, priced at \$2.00. Maxwell Anderson, eminent playwright who visited the replacement center recently to seek material for a play—and "found" Author-Private Hargrove—has written a foreword for "See Here, Private Hargrove." Private John A. Bushemi, photographer for the replacement center and contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, has been contracted to do pictorial illustration.

Written as separate incidents of the author's hectic training period, "See Here, Private Hargrove," as a collected work will offer an informative and humorous treatment of military life—his arrival at Fort Bragg from the feature desk of the Charlotte News, his consternation at being made a cook, his sergeant's consternation at being asked to make him a cook, and so on.

Water and other liquids seek their level, though, and Private Hargrove was not thrust upon some organization as a cook. He was assigned to the public relations office, where he edits the FARC section of the Fort Bragg Post.

He Hates Love

FT. NIAGARA, N. Y.—Soldier Song-writer Elliott V. Gove heard one of his tunes sung for the first time at an All-Post Variety Show presented by the Special Services Department.

"That's What I Hate About Love" is the title of Private Gove's dance composition, written when he was employed as a radio announcer at WSYR, Syracuse.

YOUR ENEMY'S WEAPONS

Japs Arms Are Inferior But Plentiful

Reports Coming in from Intelligence Units Actually in the Fight Contain Much Information That's Going to Be Useful to Every Soldier Now in Training. Army Times Will Publish This Information as It's Received.

Following is a partial list of Japanese weapons, observed in use in the Far East. While the details given here are by no means complete, they will be supplemented from time to time.

Rifle

The standard Jap rifle, the Arisaka, is a 1905 model, Mauser bolt-action, caliber .256, weight 10 pounds, 2 ounces.

Light Machine Gun

The standard Jap light machine gun is the Nambu, 1922 model, weight 22.5 pounds, "remarkably easy to shoot and to load."

Heavy Machine Gun

The standard Jap heavy machine gun is a Hotchkiss type, 1914 model, gas-operated and air-cooled.

Mortar

The mortar, or "heavy grenade-thrower," found in the infantry company and elsewhere, is "the best idea Japan has had for an infantry weapon." The shell for this mortar serves also as the Jap hand grenade. (However, the Stokes-Brandt mortar is coming in, and may be edging the heavy grenade-thrower out.)

Antitank Guns

The Japanese Army has nothing that can be strictly designated as an antitank gun . . . the lightest is the 37-mm. model 1922 infantry gun . . . (which is) yet relatively untried."

70-mm. "Infantry Gun"

The Jap 70-mm. infantry gun is a 1922 model, very light (400 pounds), 8.8-pound projectile, low muzzle-velocity.

75-mm. Gun

The Jap 75-mm. gun is a Krupp or Schneider, 1905 model.

105-mm. Gun

The Jap 105-mm. gun is a new-model Schnei-

der, and is the most modern of Jap artillery pieces.

Bombs

Japanese bombs are of two varieties, army and naval. Army bombs have been mostly manufactured in the Osaka arsenals. Naval bombs have been mostly manufactured in the Kure and Yokosuka arsenals.

White phosphorous is being employed in the Philippines by the Japanese in their aerial bombs as a filler for its incendiary effect.

Observation Balloons

Shortly before crossing the Johore Straits onto Singapore Island, the Japanese used observation balloons for the first time in the Malayan Campaign. Three were seen in Johore on February 7.

Grenades

It is believed that the Japanese are using two types of hand grenades, the "91 Type" and the "97 Type," both of which have cylindrical shape. The "91 Type" has a time fuse of 6 to 7 seconds, and the "97 Type" is fired by the percussion created when the grenade strikes its object.

To ignite the time-fuse of the "91 Type" a safety pin is removed and a sharp tap is given on some hard surface, such as the heel of a boot. This causes a firing pin inside the grenade to hit a percussion cap which ignites the fuse. The "91 Type" is reported to be slightly heavier, but further details are not known.

The stick grenade is made up of a cylindrical cast-iron pot which is 2 inches long, 2 inches outside diameter, and 1 1/2 inches inside diameter. It is open at one end and closed at the other and is of uniform thickness. Inserted in this shell is a charge consisting of 2 ounces of lyddite in the form of a plug with a hole through the center to receive a detonator. It is covered by

a thick paper cylinder to prevent the charge from coming in contact with either the detonator or the cast-iron shell. This charge is 2 inches long, and the detonator hole 5/16 inch in diameter. A wooden handle is placed into the top of the iron cylinder to a depth of 3/4 inch, and it is secured by three small screws which pass through the iron shell. This handle is 5 inches long and is drilled lengthwise through the cylinder with a 3/8-inch hole.

The detonator is 2 1/4 inches long, 5/16 inch outside diameter, and is made of brass. It is attached to one end of a 4-second fuse and is inserted at the other end of the fuse into an igniter, which is attached by three lugs to the wooden handle. The igniter consists of a thin paper cylinder with a diameter of 5/16 inch, and the ring is 1 1/4 inches. The grenade is believed to weigh about 1 pound 3 1/2 ounces.

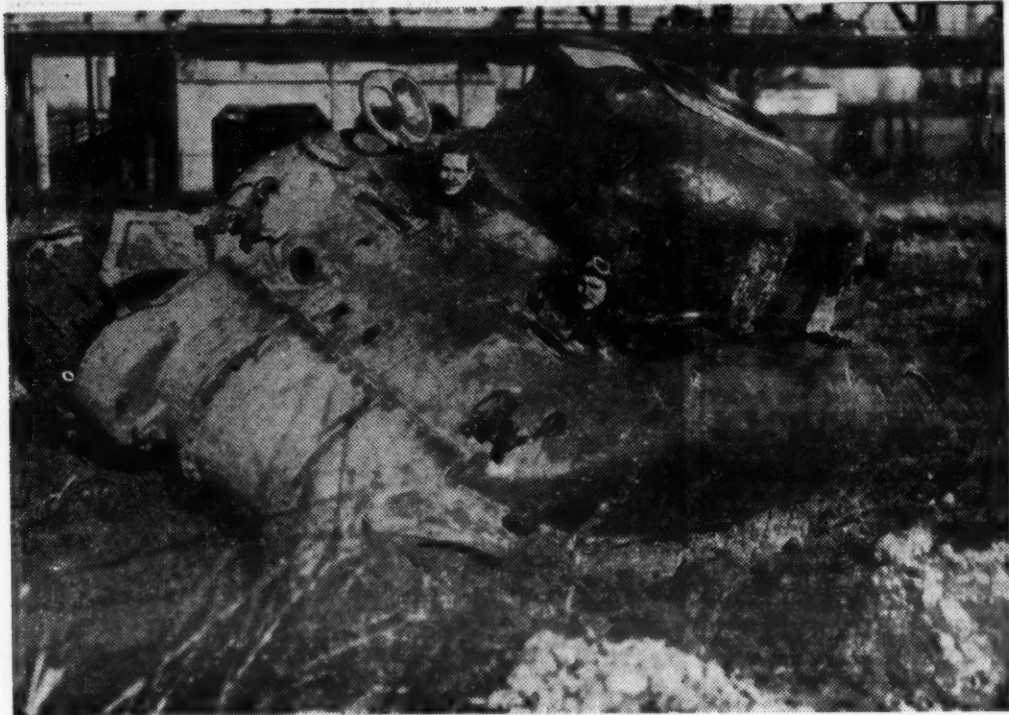
Grenade Dischargers

In Malaya the Japanese used two types of grenade dischargers. One of these types has not been described previously. Known as the "10-Year Type," Model 1921, it has the following characteristics:

Caliber	50-mm. (1.97-in.).
Length (overall)	1 foot 8 inches.
Barrel	Smooth bore.
Length of barrel	10 inches.
Weight unloaded	5 1/2 pounds.
Range	65-250 yards.
Transport	Carried by the man.

The grenade discharger is muzzle-loaded and is fired by a striker operated by a lever on the outside of the discharger body. The discharger is fired from the ground, where it rests on a small base plate. No bipod attachments were used.

The discharger fires hand grenades which weigh a little less than 1 pound. Before the grenades are fired in the discharger, a special attachment is screwed into the grenade base. The attachment consists of a percussion cap and propellant (believed to be ballistite). The safety pin in the grenade is removed before insertion into the barrel of the discharger; and the shock of the discharge has the same effect as tapping the grenade when thrown by hand.



TEST DRIVERS ran this new M-4 tank into deep mud in an attempt to mire it. Although the topside of the rear tread is under the gumbo, the tank pulled out unaided. Field tests are designed to subject each tank to conditions as severe as those likely to be found in warfare.

SEACTC Notes

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala.—For the benefit of the uninitiated a "motor pool" is a central location where all motor vehicles are kept when not in use. Every soldier should know that! And every soldier does—except a certain private stationed at Kaye Field, Miss.

Our hero refused to believe the conventional definition of "motor pool" and insisted upon donning swimming suit and an inner-tube to keep from sinking. Not wanting to see him disappointed his friends finally conformed to the new definition. Going a step further they even agreed, nay—insisted, he be allowed a free ride on the "China Clipper." In Army jargon "China Clipper" happens to be a dish washing machine!

JOKE

Not all the stories being told in the Southeast Air Corps Training Center are concerned with privates. There are several rare ones about officers, too.

At Gunter Field, Ala., for instance, a certain lieutenant was being transferred to another station in Florida. To show how completely devastated they were at his departure, several fellow bachelor officers planned a going-away party. One of them (whether by fair means or foul) obtained his address book and invited all six of the lieutenant's girl friends to the party.

Our source of information says that the lieutenant was a bit dazed at first as he saw the girls arrive one by one with different escorts, but he recovered his composure when he realized what had happened. A few days later, from his Florida station, the victim sent a postcard to the conspirators with a picture of an evil looking shark on it. On the reverse side he wrote, "The shark has nothing on you."

KEEPS 'EM FLYING

Pvt. Raymond Villemez, stationed at Turner Field, has reason to be proud of his mother, Mrs. L. R. Villemez. She has just been awarded four gold stars by the Emblem of Honor Society of New York City.

Mrs. Villemez has four boys, all serving in the Army Air Forces, and the Emblem of Honor Society decided she deserved at least one star for each of her sons.

BACON

It's difficult enough at times to "bring home the bacon," but when two men in the Southeast Air Corps Training Center do literally just that in an airplane—well, you figure out your own exclamation.

Here's the story: Civilian Instructor Robert Manning and Aviation Cadet Richard G. McMillan took off the other night to make a routine flight. Almost immediately the engine began to miss. At 500 feet, in the middle of their effort to get back to the field the engine quit altogether. Too low to bail out, they headed for a plowed field and landed. Rolling toward the edge of the field where a ditch and a fence awaited them, they stopped short and turned around by the combined bulk of four parkers who were immediately dispatched to the happy routing

Benning P. O. Spurts 100 Per Cent; Handles 100,000 Letters Daily

FORT BENNING, Ga.—If it is true that a letter a day keeps the blues away then United States postal officials have a hunch that Fort Benning soldiers are among the most cheerful in the nation.

Postal workers here are working day and night to deliver mail

Passover at Fort Hamilton

A traditional Passover celebration for men of the Jewish faith who could not leave Fort Hamilton was held under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board.

grounds, or wherever good little pigs go.

CADETTES

"The Coy Cadettes" is an organization of girls set up along military lines with Miss Dot Stephenson as "Colonel" and commanding officer. Under her are "captains," "lieutenants," and "sergeants." It is the job of the "sergeants" to secure "privates" for all soldier entertainment sponsored by these girls. At Kaye Field the new club recently received its baptism under fire and showed remarkable courage, beauty and charm. Men at Kaye Field warn they will not tolerate any soldier transferring to that field just on account of the "Coy Cadettes." It's a selfish attitude, but can you blame them?

DISTINCTION

If you've never been selected as "the typical rookie" you probably missed the time of your life. There are two privates stationed in Hendricks Field who have received that distinction along with all the trimmings that go with that title. It just so happens that the Yankees are in spring training at Sebring, Fla., where Hendricks Field is located. The baseball players naturally wanted to show all the soldiers there a good time, but decided that would be a big order, so instead they selected Privates Bowser and Volquarts in order to do the thing "right." Both boys are from Pittsburgh and are, or rather were, ardent Pittsburgh Pirates fans, but after an afternoon sitting on the bench with Charley Keller and the rest of the Yankee stars, having their pictures made with Joe Di Maggio, and receiving a baseball auto graphed by the entire team, it's the Yankees all the way. As Private Volquarts puts it, "Anyone that doesn't think Joe Di Maggio is the best ball player in any league is just a dumb civilian!"

BAND ARRIVES

Someone at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., must have received a distinct shock last week, because it stands to reason that a 30-piece military band doesn't "report for duty" every day in the week. And even if the proper authorities did know of their arrival beforehand, there is still something a little bewildering about having a musical organization of this size dumped in one's lap. Oh, yes, and within the band there is a dance orchestra of 14 pieces to play for the terpsichorean antics of the post's personnel! Directed by Warrant Officer John R. Charlesworth, the band left its former organization, the 111th Field Artillery of the Virginia National Guard, to make its new home at Napier Field.

Savannah Girl Cast As General's Daughter

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The Camp Stewart soldier-written and soldier-produced musical comedy, "The General's Daughter," announced it has secured its feminine lead.

Miss Bettye Durrence, 16-year-old Savannah girl, has been selected for the title role, Pvt. Jack Friend Noble, author and director of the show, said.

The "General's Daughter" is the soldier musical successor to "Who Is Leslie?" Camp Stewart hit by Private Noble, that was a huge success here last year.

Miss Durrence, considered to be one of Georgia's leading young dancers and actresses, is the only girl in the cast. The other feminine parts are filled by Stewart soldiers.

With the worries of casting over, other troubles of a psychological nature are furrowing the brow of Private Noble. He is now confronted with the task of convincing his burly, six-foot "ballet" that it is imperative that they don short ballet skirts and that the whole illusion will be marred by the wearing of trousers underneath.

The two leading male roles have been assigned to Privates Fred Kelly and Bob Hedrick. Private Kelly achieved acclaim recently with his dancing and acting in the Broadway hit, "Time of Your Life," in which he

played the "hooper." Private Hedrick is widely known as the possessor of one of the best young baritone voices in the East.

Costuming for the musical has been taken over by soldiers' sweethearts and wives visiting at the Stewart Guest House. Miss Sally Clark, camp junior hostess, has organized a sewing circle to take charge of the wardrobe.

The tentative opening date for "The General's Daughter" has been set for April 21.

Original title of the play was "Rest Assured," but the new name was considered more appropriate to the theme which revolves around Private Kelly as a little "selectee."

28th Holds Easter Service

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—In a ceremony as impressive and elaborate as any the Iron Division has yet attempted, close to ten thousand enlisted men, officers and civilians celebrated Easter Sunday with a Field Service in the area directly behind the Field House at Camp Livingston. Among those present at the service were Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord, commanding general of the 28th (Iron) Division; Brig. Gen. Basil H. Perry, commander of the 28th Division Artillery, and Brig. Gen. Paine of the 46th Artillery Brigade.

The service began promptly at 9 a. m. with the massing of the colors, as each regiment's color guard marched to the platform bearing the flag of our country and the appropriate regimental standard. Behind the platform and setting it off in a religious motif was a large white cross, beautifully adorned with white Easter lilies.

A musical selection by the 110th Infantry Trumpet Chorus, a responsive reading and a Scripture reading preceded the sermon, "The World's Hope," delivered by the 28th Division Chaplain, Burleigh A. Peters. The service came to a close with the entire congregation singing the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the Benediction, followed by the National Anthem.

ADVANCE TRAINING

World's Fair 'Chute Gave 'em the Yen

CAMP UPTON, N. Y.—It's the little shrimps who want to be the Army's daredevils—parachutists.

Although Uncle Sam accepts cloud-hoppers as heavy as 185 pounds, the New Yorkers applying for the parachute troops at Camp Upton's reception center average only 143 pounds, the records show. Measuring 5 feet 7 inches in height, they are small but tough. The average applicant is 23 years old and has completed high school.

The odds are two out of three that prospective paratroopers have been up in planes before—and down in the World's Fair Parachute Jump as well.

Half of them enlist in search of excitement. The other half are frustrated pilots who, prevented by mental or physical barriers from flying planes, figure that they can at least fall out of them.

Among them are an accountant, liquor salesman, carpenter, Army uniform repairman, marine oiler, motorcyclist, truck driver, ski jumper, TVA blaster, grocery clerk, painter, shipping clerk and short order cook.

One of the volunteers was James F. Sweeney, who, at 30, only 1½ months below the age maximum for para-

troopists, figured that "the rest of the Army wouldn't be enough exercise for me."

Another, Raymond Pagana, a 27-year-old Puerto Rican graduate of Tufts University, had previously supervised 50 women as assistant foreman of a rug factory in Yonkers, N. Y. Already accepted as a pilot for the RAF, he couldn't see waiting until July for induction in that service and was too old to be an American pilot.

Milton G. Natress, Jr., chose the paratroops because of his gymnastic training. While serving as repairman for the New York Telephone Company, his employer for 12 of his 30 years, Natress instructed Irma Haubold, a member of the 1936 Olympic team, and other pupils in gymnastics.

William A. Lewis said, "It was the World's Fair parachute jump which made up my mind."

Yehudi Menuhin Surprise

Lovers of classical music were given a surprise treat at the Fort Hamilton Service Club by Yehudi Menuhin, who played several request tunes for a packed house.

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"Don't you think this is carrying camouflage a little too far?"

Foresight

OKLAHOMA CITY.—When W. H. Van Demeer was about to enter the Army he organized the firm of Van Demeer, Inc., and named himself president, with six vice presidential assistants.

Each vice president was a friend, a woman selected because of special talents. One received the responsibility of sending Van Demeer fried chicken once a month; another was in charge of chocolate cake shipments; another the angel food cake and cookie shipments; one will keep him supplied with socks and mufflers; another with sweaters and the sixth will keep him supplied with magazines.

Each vice president received an ornate certificate of appointment and a list of duties.

Rendezvous

(With Appropriate Apologies)

I have a rendezvous with Mess
When time completes its orbit slow
And doors fling wide and whistles blow
And flood my soul with happiness;
I have a rendezvous with Mess
With scrambled eggs and toast and things,
With sausages and coffee rings,
And I shall go with eagerness.

And to my stomach I'll be true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous!

—Pvt. Bob Swain, in

Camp Lee Traveller

BOOKS . . .

"GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM," by Francis T. Miller; J. C. Winston Co., Philadelphia, Pa. \$1.35.

An authoritative life-story of America's hero. Since everyone is talking about MacArthur, it is of special interest to meet him face to face in his record of his adventurous life.

The author has done an excellent job of research into the private records of the MacArthur family made available for this book, and while he seems to have an acute case of hero-worship, it is said that everyone who meets the general suffers the same malady. In any event, Miller has written an interesting sketch of MacArthur's far-faring forebears and of the invincible Douglas.

"TIMMY RIDES THE CHINA CLIPPER," by Carol Nay; Albert Whitman Co., Chicago, Ill. \$1.50.

Here is another of the Junior Press Books which prove so delightfully informative to the younger generation. Replete with description and drawings of the Clipper Ship, the pilots' cabin, the chart room, galley and other features of the ship's three decks, it will doubtless hold young America spell-bound from the beginning of Timmy's flight from San Francisco to Hawaii until he reaches his destination, just one week later.

"SALUTE THE FLAG," by Etta May Smith; Whitman Co., Chicago, Ill. \$1.00.

The history of our flag is herein accurately presented in a simple, straightforward style, yet forceful enough to inspire the small-fry to patriotism, and an enduring respect for their flag. There are many little details of interest which are overlooked in the standard education as to the history of our country and our flag.

"THE POCKETBOOK OF MODERN AMERICAN PLAYS," edited by Bennet Cerf; PocketBOOKS, Inc., New York, N. Y. 25 cents.

Here are four Broadway hits—"Street Scene," by Elmer Rice; "No Time for Comedy," by S. N. Berhman; "Margin for Error," by Claire Booth, and "Awake and Sing," by Clifford Odets.

Representative of the last 20 years, these plays are an excellent insight into the cross-roads of American life.

"THE POCKETBOOK OF THE WAR," edited by Quincy Howe; PocketBOOKS, Inc., New York, N. Y. 25 cents.

Selections are taken from Doro-

Hail, MacArthur!

He stood outnumbered at Bataan, and held,
And threw the yellow monster to his knees;
In masterful maneuver he repelled
Long-fingered Togo from the Eastern seas.

Mid shrieking shells and shrapnel unpalated
A Yank again beat down a foreign host;
Calm and courageous when his duty called,

And peerless when his strength was needed most.
Resourceful, mighty leader of our arms,
This land of ours is deeply in your debt;

Her thanks will ring from factories and farms
Until we meet the standard you have set—
Red, white and blue will be victorious yet!

—Pvt. Alex Drogichen, FARC, Fort Sill, Okla.

The Soldier

His uniform fits him with casual grace;
His hat seems to set off the smile on his face.

His walk seems indifferent, yet manly and proud;
His voice fits his bearing, not quiet, not loud.

His manners are pleasant and natural, too;
He's proud he's a soldier, A Red, White and Blue.

—Pvt. Henry J. O'Pella, Key Field, Miss.

Bouquets for Bombardiers

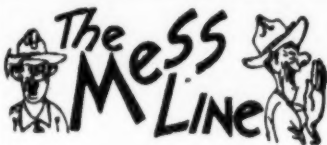
The Bombardiers, ace dance orchestra, are in line for a few bouquets for the prestige they brought Fort Niagara on their musical tour of Second Corps camps last year.

thy Thompson's "Let the Record Speak"; Vincent Sheean's "Not Peace but a Sword"; "Tragedy in France," by Andre Maurois; "Inside Europe," by John Gunther; "The Time Is Now," by Pierre Van Paassen; "They Wanted War," by Otto Tolischus; "I Was a Nazi Flyer," by Gottfried Leske, and "Mein Kampf," by our little friend (?), Adolph Hitler.

"The PocketBook of the War" can be read through as a continuous, integrated story. But each separate selection also stands on its own feet and can be read independently. It is a book about history in the making, written by contemporaries and participants, who are in no small measure making history themselves.



"It's Private Jones again, sir; he says he's not getting enough money."



CONTETEMPS

First Aviator: "Quick! What do I do now, Instructor?"
Second Aviator: "Good heavens! Aren't you the instructor?"

DEFINITION

A PEDESTRIAN IS A FATHER WITH A SON HOME ON FURLOUGH.

The reason for Hitler's sour look is because he wakes up on the wrong side of the channel every morning.

LINE'S BUSY

"Hello."
"Hello."
"I'd like to speak to Joe."
"This is Joe."
"Oh . . . Joe?"
"Yeah?"
"You don't sound like Joe."
"Well, this is Joe, all right."
"Are you sure this is Joe?"
"Sure."
"Well, listen, Joe, how's about ten bucks for over the week-end?"
"Okay, I'll tell Joe when he comes in."

FOR SORE EYES

Corporal (on target range): "&*(!) I told you to take a fine sight! &*(!) When I say take a fine sight, I mean take one! &*(!)! Don't you know what a fine sight is?"
Private (bitterly): "Sure, a boat-load of corporals sinking."

OVERHEARD

She: "Did you see a soldier with a black eye around here? I've changed my mind."

It is easy enough to get kisses
When you're spending your Army-
earned cash,
But the girl worth while
Is the one who will smile
When you feed her on corned beef hash.

QUALIFICATION

"What's an ensign?" inquired the officer of the NCO class.
"An ensign, sir," said the NCO hopefully, "is a second lieutenant who can swim."

Is the Italian navy that "submersive element" we've been hearing about?

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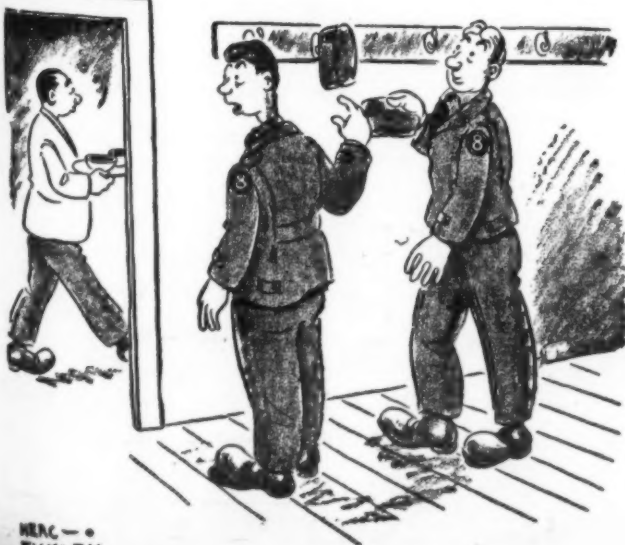
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Joe Louis, Billy Conn Bout Looms

The first all-Army heavyweight championship match in ring history, casting Billy Conn against Joe Louis, is being planned for an Army relief benefit sometime this summer, a source close to the Army Relief Society revealed, although official announcement has not been made.

He said officials were "working on it" but declined to discuss details. It was understood, however, that the fight would be held in New York's Yankee Stadium, possibly in the week of June 21.

The Brown Bomber met the Pittsburgh heavyweight last fall, scoring a knockout in the 13th after Conn led on points all the way. It will be Louis' 22nd title defense and the third charitable contribution he has made to Army and Navy relief.

Both Louis and Conn are buck privates. Joltin' Joe is fresh from a conquest of Abe Simon, a non-soldier whose military usefulness is limited. So huge are Simon's hands that he can't get his finger through a trigger guard.

Chanute Golfers Start Wearing Out the Green

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—The first call has been sounded for golf candidates here and a three-way match has been carded with Big Ten competition.

The soldier-linksmen will match shots with University of Illinois and University of Indiana teams at Urbana, Ill. Country Club, April 27. Additional matches will be carded with University of Iowa, Scott Field, Great Lakes Naval Station and others.

The team will be built around three holdovers from the 1941 squad, James (Red) Buttita, post golf champion last season, Bob Klewin and Gene Nelson.

MacDill Nine, Champs in '41, Boasts 4 Vets

MacDILL FIELD, Fla., March 28.—The MacDill Fliers are ready for another baseball season.

Florida State Champions last year, the team has finished an intensive training program under Lt. R. P. Murray and Sgt. Joe Benson, managers, and Sgt. Hank Greenberg, coach.

Last year's championship squad which played in the nationals at Wichita has only four representatives on the present outfit. Lt. Jay Fleming, crack second baseman; Sgt. Arthur Stewart, right handed pitcher; Sgt. Clyde Hutchinson, third baseman, and Sgt. Joe Thornton, utility infielder are still here.

Greenberg has returned to his old position at first base and will supply plenty of punch. Pvt. Spud Chrisman, a third sacker, and Pvt. Ed St. Germain, a catcher, both have had minor league experience and have won starting berths because of their hard hitting. Lt. Howard Furness teams with Lt. Fleming on the key stone sack and the two turn in plenty of snappy double plays.

The outfield is patrolled by Pvt. Joe Mariana in left, Pvt. Ed Screnor in center and Pvt. John Lesica in right. Mariana and Screnor played together in the Montana State league last year and work well together.

Pvt. John Wallace, another former minor leaguer, has won the other starting pitcher's spot and will provide Stewart with plenty of hurling support.

Duke Star

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—Former All-American tackle at Duke University in 1933, Private Frederick Crawford is now receiving his basic army training in the 564th School Sqdn. Air Corps Rept Tg Cr (technicians). Pvt. Crawford received his preparatory schooling at McCully School, Chattanooga, Tenn., and entered Duke in 1930.

Ironie Incident

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Volleyball carries more horrors than parachute jumping for Staff Sgt. C. T. Daniels of the Provisional Parachute Test Section here. The veteran of over 30 tactical military jumps as a member of Uncle Sam's paratroopers, is recovering from a fractured ankle—suffered while playing the dangerous game of volleyball with the headquarters team. In all of his long parachute career he hasn't had as much as a bruised foot nor an amputated hangnail.

Ring Editor Will Compare Joe and Jack

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of Ring Magazine, will appear at Fort Monmouth on Wednesday, April 15, to highlight a boxing program that has been arranged by Lt. Norman Fertig, post athletic officer.

Fleischer, internationally prominent authority on ring affairs, will show movies of Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey at their pugilistic peaks and then will give a lecture on a comparison of the two fighters. The editor has visited practically every part of the world where boxing has been held and he has compiled much data on the sport.

Nat has the pictures depicting both Dempsey and Louis at their respective bests—the former when he dethroned Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship and the Brown Bomber in his one-round knockout of Max Schmeling.

Preliminary to the movies, Benny Leonard, former lightweight titleholder and master of boxing wit, will regale the audience with many of the thousand and one humorous stories that he has accumulated over the years he has competed in the ring game.

Wallace Wade Likens Drill To Big Time Football Game

By Cpl. Donald Bishop

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Training the American Army the old way is not unlike the procedure used in turning out championship football teams, Wallace Wade, Duke University football coach who has been sworn in as a major in the Army, observed while studying the set-up of the FA RTC here.

"We give special training to the ends, the backs, the guards, tackles, and centers. Then we drill the team on working as a unit, every man doing his work to perfection and at the same time coordinating his effort with that of the other fellow," he said. "That's exactly the plan of training the Replacement Center commander, General Parker, has instituted. In the specialist regiment, some men are learning the duties of

out of the Army a long time. It is going to take a little time to become adjusted. But I am anxious to make a good soldier and good officer."

He left the Army after the war as a field artillery captain. His teammate he had entered the Army as a cavalryman, but his units were transferred to the artillery. Colonel Butner remained in the Regular Army.



Major Wallace Wade

signalmen, others are studying to be motor or gun mechanics; others are clerks, or cooks, instrument, or radio men. Then there are the regiments of men being taught to serve in gun crews. Each man learns his own job well, and yet knows enough about the other fellow's to work with him efficiently."

Major Wade has been assigned to the 10th Bn., which specializes in training men for signal duty, and his commanding officer will be Lt. Col. John C. Butner, Jr., with whom Wade played on the Brown University football team which played in the Rose Bowl against Washington State in 1916.

With Colonel Butner he called on Brig. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., the commanding general of the replacement center. Most of his visit was spent in inspecting the replacement center and discussing with Colonel Butner the plans for his coming military service.

Major Wade will be assistant battalion executive for a few weeks, after which he will be assigned to a basic cannoner regiment. Then will come a month of duty in the replacement center school, where he will take the "refresher course" given reserve officers. This course covers foot drill, rifle marksmanship, truck driving, administration, cannoner training, and everything else a field artillery officer needs to know.

"I know that Major Wade will be of great value to us," Colonel Butner declared, "especially due to his many years of experience in handling men in an athletic capacity."

Colonel Butner pointed to the strong parallel between training men for field artillery service and training them for football and other competitive sports. However, Major Wade is not coming into the Army as a physical training officer. His experience will be useful, but he will be training soldiers, not athletes.

"I am glad of the opportunity to be of whatever service I can," Major Wade said. "I realize I have been

Green Hornets Start Buzzing

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—First activity in softball this year at Chanut Field began this week as Sgt. J. Caruso, new manager, issued a call for candidates for the Green Hornets, one of the two post teams. Last year the Hornets won over 40 games and reached the Illinois state tournament. The other post team is the Bluebirds, composed chiefly of Medical Corps men.

Green Bay Packers

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Left last season with the Green Bay Packers professional football team, Alexander Urban is now a trainee private at the Fort Bragg FA RTC. He is being trained as a cannoner in Battery B, 9th Battalion, of the 3rd Training Regiment.

Yanks Will Win, Says Lippy Leo

By Cpl. Harry Blake
Special to Army Times

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—"The Yanks will win the 1942 World Series!" No less a seer than Lippy Leo Durocher, loud leader of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is authority for this statement, made to Pfc Bob Wilson of Camp Wheeler this week, in a radio interview transcribed for a short wave broadcast to American fighting men stationed overseas.

Far from talking treason, the Lip emphasized that his Bums "will cop the little Series over here, but the Yanks will win the Big One over there, the same as they did in 1918."

Leo recalled that a team of American baseball stars, dispatched to tour Nipponese diamonds some years ago, swept the Japs for 18 straight games.

"We Did It Before"

"We did it with baseball bats then; we'll do it with guns and planes and tanks this time," he said.

Seconding his boss' prediction, Charley Drensen, Durocher's second in command, conveyed special greetings "to that boy who asked me for an autographed baseball bat at the end of last season. Wherever you are now, wherever you may be later, son, as a personal favor to me, lay those autographs across the first Jap skull you meet."

The transcription, one of a series prepared for broadcast to the men overseas by the radio branch of the War Department's bureau of public relations, was made immediately before the Dodgers took the field against a Camp Wheeler team on the post diamond.

Other Champs Present

A half dozen of last year's National League champions also participated in the broadcast, which was transcribed for the Camp Wheeler PRO by Station WBML, Macon, Ga.

The Brooklyn club, which arrived at full strength, defeated the soldier team later by a score of 7-5, with Whitlow Wyatt pitching the first seven innings and Ducky Medwick blasting a three-run homer to provide the margin of victory.

More than 9,000 Wheeler soldiers saw the game at no charge on a half-holiday.

Former Green Bay Packer Packs Punch for Riley

FORT RILEY, Kan.—Lt. Thomas "Guy" Greenfield, Green Bay Packer center who made all-American mention while at the University of Arizona in 1933, is now on active Army duty at the cavalry replacement training center here.



LIPPY LEO Durocher baits a soldier-umpire, Pvt. Joe Street who called 'em in the National League before coming to Ft. Wheeler, Ga.

Cecil Travis Leads Wheeler Diamond Stars Into Battle

Special to Army Times—

By Pfc. Bob Wilson

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—When Camp Wheeler's baseball Spokes faced the Brooklyn Dodgers to inaugurate their 1942 home campaign the soldier lineup which took the field against "Dem Bums" read like a page from The Sporting News, it was so studded with the names of former professional diamond stars.

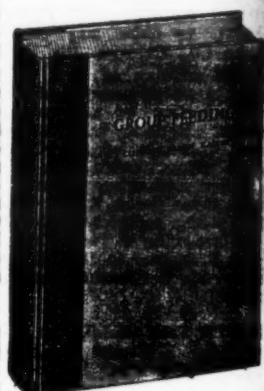
Biggest name in the Wheeler batting order is that of Cecil Travis, former Washington Senator infielder and second leading hitter in the American League last year. Travis handles third base for the Wheelermen.

The International League furnished Camp Wheeler's keystone combination. Tony Sabol, former infielder for the Toronto Maple Leafs, protects second base, while Claude Corblitt, Montreal Royal star last year, takes care of the shortstop assignment.

Big Bill Lombard, Bowden College star who was a more or less permanent fixture at first base for the Spokes last summer, is back at that spot again this spring. Robert Taylor, husky catcher for Ottawa in the Canadian-American League who was to have gone up with the Cleveland Indians this year, rounds out the infield.

Ralph "Babe" Ellis, 353 hitter with the Atlanta Crackers last year, playing-manager Milt Rosner, previous .304 hitter with Buffalo in the International League, and Walt Brickner, standout performer for Harrisburg in the Eastern League last year, will roam the Wheeler outfield.

Pitchers, all of them former professional stars, come dime a dozen at Camp Wheeler. There's John "Red" Haley, ex-Kansas City Blues hurler in the American Association; Jimmy Hicks, giant right-hander with Peoria (Ill.) in the Three-I League last year; Mel Bosser, 20-game winner with the Chattanooga Lookouts in the Southern Association last summer; Hank Valko, who won 24 games with Elizabethton in the Appalachian League in 1941; and Leo Mooney, No. 1 tosser for Rome, Ga., in the Canadian-American League last year.



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By Miss Dora Jane Hamblin

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—I met Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, the commanding officer, saw the Sentinel office, Bell Bowl, the service club, the obstacle course, went on a 'cook's tour' of the cooks' domain, saw the bakery, the store rooms, and even ventured into the Company A barracks—all very well conveyed and loudly heralded in advance, of course. And boy, did I have fun!

My major impression of Camp Grant was one of a smooth, well-oiled machinery of organization which was going about its task of easing men from civilian life into a different and vitally important army life, a machine which was working swiftly, efficiently, and sympathetically.

Somehow I can't feel half as sorry for soldiers now as I did before I saw Camp Grant. I had visions of army beans and hard tack, soldiers climbing walls and running around in tire handcaps for hours at a time, and hard boiled officers shouting at the men. At Camp Grant I didn't see anything like that.

Hmmm

I saw good food being prepared in kitchens whose equipment and cleanliness outshined a lot of well kept homes. I saw early morning calisthenics (oh well, so it was 9 a.m., that's pretty early) and squads marching. I saw a beautifully equipped service club complete with a charming hostess and a bottomless cookie jar. I saw comfortable bar-

racks and a hospital and dental building measuring up to the best Chicago has to offer. All this, in a fairly new and rapidly-organized army camp.

Not only that, but it was a good supply of two important commodities we civilians have definitely given up—cokes and tires! We have taken to meekly downing the watery root beers we get in answer to a coke order and the latest gag-line around most colleges is, "Boy, what a date! Even his tires are smooth." But Camp Grant is full of beautiful coke machines, and as for tires—you have a gold mine down on the obstacle course! Some day some smart economist will take his pay in tires, rent them to his civilian friends, and retire to spend the rest of his life

in luxury!

While talking to the special services officer, I was amazed to hear all the recreation and entertainment features the camp enjoys, and the record of Camp Grant athletic teams. Ha!

It is an enviable one by anybody's standards, and where else can you see Joe Louis, Martha Raye, etc. for nothing?

An inspection tour to the battalion mess halls with the inspection officer was a very enlightening experience. Heaven help me if I ever marry an inspection officer in the fond hope that he might be of some assistance with the egg frying, now I know he'd be more apt to come around with his little flashlight and inspect the dark and unreachable corners of the pantry, delivering a

"skin" should he find dust or broom straws there.

Never have I seen such clean kitchens, refrigerators, and stoves. Grease on the silverware, I gathered, is definitely verboten and a fingerprint on a plate is as incriminating as one on the handle of Exhibit A. I shudder to think what might happen to the women should their friends of the Thursday afternoon bridge club arrive armed with such sharp eyes and inquisitive minds, even when the house had been given a good cleaning in expectation of their arrival.

Over in the cooks' school was a handy little gadget which I intend to recommend to all my friends with small apartments—that little portable field stove. An innocuous looking little object in repose, it really shows possibilities when the chimney goes up, the ovens are hooked on, and it's ready for business. They tell me you can cook for 275 men at a time on this stove and if every housewife had one, hubby could bring home the whole office force without throwing her into an uproar.

Mass production in the bakery

amazed me, and further shook heretofore firm belief that a kitchen was about as helpful as a football coach with a knitting needle.

Uh-huh

Watching some of the men and seeing the band go down and welcome the new inductees was I love a parade in any form. The little matter confused me, however. I always thought the officer called out "left" and "right" as the men marched, but in Camp Grant couldn't tell whether they were saying "humph," "hut," or were just suffering from indigestion.

Over in the hospital I was impressed by the superb equipment and general orderliness of the building. With all the precautions taken at Camp Grant for health and safety I wonder that the medics ever have anyone to practice on. There was some precision drilling going on in the dentistry department but I dare not stay to watch for fear someone would detect my new wisdom tooth.

Within the service club, drinking an honest-to-goodness coke and listening to the nickelodeon, I found it hard to believe that I wasn't in an especially high class juke-joint in any middle western town. An excellent dance floor, music, and recreational opportunities like you are much more inaccessible to many civilians.

All in all, I had a grand time at Camp Grant. It gave me more respect for the army and what it's doing, and a much better insight into what goes on within the walls. Everyone I met was extremely pleasant—in fact, if any of you were back worrying about those 4F's, still "something about a soldier" and army courtesy and dignity make a wonderful impression.

Camp Stewart Soldiers Parade in South

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Civilians took over Camp Stewart last Monday as three Stewart regiments and battalions paraded in cities of three states in observance of Army Day. The entire 280,000-acre reservation was thrown open to civilian visitors for the day, and hundreds of per-

sons from neighboring cities flocked to the post to view its anti-aircraft facilities, weapons and equipment.

Special military guides met visitors at entrances to the camp and took them on comprehensive tours of the post, showing them typical enlisted men's mess halls, day rooms, tent

areas, recreation facilities, the huge anti-aircraft and small-arms firing ranges, special anti-aircraft weapon displays and camp buildings.

Brig. Gen. Earl H. Metzger, commanding general of Camp Stewart, led members of his staff and other Stewart officers to Savannah in the late afternoon to be honor guests at a special military supper given by Mayor Thomas Gamble. Officers from Fort Screven and the Savannah Air Base also attended.

In the meantime, the 209th CA (AA) paraded in Savannah, the 214th CA (AA) marched through the streets of Daytona Beach, Fla., and the 107th Separate Battalion CA (AA) tramped through Charleston, S. C.

The troops, which left the post for the parades in the three southern cities, returned to the camp after being royally feted by civilians and civic groups. Gala dances, tours and other activities were tendered troops, who in turn, besides parading, exhibited anti-aircraft weapons and equipment in commemoration of Army Day and the twenty-fifth anniversary of America's entry in the first World War.

At Savannah, the 209th, with its regimental band, participated in the parade of several thousand troops composed of units from Stewart, the Savannah Air Base, Fort Screven, Parris Island Marine Base, Savannah ROTC units and state military police and home guards.

In Charleston, following its colorful parade, the 107th took its anti-aircraft guns and equipment to the Citadel, Charleston military college, for a display to the student soldiers there.

At Daytona Beach, the 214th took over a small island to stage its anti-aircraft weapons and equipment and thousands of tourists mingled with local civilians in viewing the exhibit and extending a cordial welcome to the soldiers.

Pvt. Acun Wins Kennel Show

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—"Acun" struts around the grounds with justifiable pride for the mongrel proved that being "a good soldier" was a more valuable asset than having all the pedigreed papers in the world.

The brown and white dog of undetermined breed was awarded first prize in the Service Dogs Contest, sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club of St. Louis, a member of the American Kennel Club.

Acun, whose name is the abbreviation of Air Corps Unassigned, is strictly Army . . . all ten inches of her. She obeys Army commands . . . her stride is military . . . she rises at the call of Reveille . . . she eats Army chow and sleeps in Army quarters.

Personnel of the 357th Technical School Squadron adopted Acun, then a puppy, on the parade grounds after a retreat parade five months ago.

Two squadrons claimed the dog but the 357th emerged victor in a heated battle over ownership rights. The rights were definitely settled when Lt. Gerald Priebe, adjutant of the 357th, registered the canine as the squadron's official mascot.

Mud Makes 'Em Hike

CAMP STEWART, Ga. — Lt. Asbury D. Snow, was literally following in the General's footsteps one night this week.

The lieutenant was returning from the Special Services School at Fort George Meade, Md., when his automobile bogged down 17 miles from headquarters where Brig. Gen. Earl H. Metzger and his party were stuck the previous week.

Lt. Snow did as the General did. He hiked into camp, arriving at midnight.

Red Cross Offers 1st Aid at Roberts

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Certified Red Cross instructors will begin voluntary classes in first aid for enlisted men in every battalion and in the spacious new Red Cross building for officers in the near future, it was announced by Maj. Karl F. Glos, special services officer.

The classes were started on request of Brig. Gen. A. W. Lane, camp commander, and have been worked out by Robert M. Wiseman, Red Cross field director here.



TWINKLE TWINKLE little deb. Drew Field, Fla., soldiers were the only male guests invited to a dance tendered Miss Twink Marshall, New York debutante, by her grandparents at Clearwater, Fla.

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Stresses Need for Alaskan Transport

BOSTON—Frozen harbors, few good roads, below zero temperatures in winter and limited rail facilities make the task of transporting supplies to and within Alaska a real problem, but one which is being met successfully, according to Maj. William J. Reid, who left that northern territory last week and is now on temporary assignment in Boston.

There is only one railroad track all Alaska," said Major Reid, "and it runs from Seward to Fairbanks, a distance of 420 miles. That's not much mileage for a territory of 577,000 square miles, twice the size of the state of Texas, and is of little help in supplying food and clothing to the scattered posts where troops are stationed. However, the railroad handles per 100,000 of population compares favorably with that of northern European countries.

"Roads are few and many of them are impassable for considerable periods of time. Hence the quarter-master is dependent on sea or air transportation, but here again there are difficulties for some of the harbors. Nome, for example are only free from ice for three months in the year.

The importance of air transportation in Alaska was stressed by Major Reid, who pointed out that only by the use of planes, plus careful planning to take every advantage of the other facilities, had the Quarter-master Corps been able to discharge its duty of keeping up the steady flow of supplies to the troops in the field.

Cows which fly through the air but one of the many strange

sights to soldiers in Alaska, Major Reid said. In this remarkable feat an airplane was used to transport bossy a distance of several hundred miles. Due to a scarcity of cows in this northern country canned milk is generally used by civilians and soldiers alike.

Pennies as a medium of exchange are not held in high regard in the north country, according to the Major. In order to obviate the necessity of handling them, articles priced at seven cents are ordinarily sold for a nickel and a dime is charged for eight cent purchases.

Soldiers from "the states" eat well, live comfortably and dress warmly. In answer to a question as to what, if anything, bothered the boys the most the Major replied that they missed the sport pages of home-town papers. The American Army is a sports-minded Army and until the declaration of war last December athletic competition was very keen throughout the entire territory of Alaska.

Colonization, according to Major Reid, is the big need in Alaska. In many parts of this great Territory the climate is good during most of the year, crops can be raised and there is ample opportunity for turning this land, once called "Seward's ice-box" into an important agricultural part of the United States.

According to Sergeant Hoyle...

Herewith a New Army Times Series Dealing with the Finer Points in Card Playing. This Week: Bridge.

One of the unflattering characteristics of an average bridge player is his poor bidding. He may have reached the point where his actual play of the hands is good, but downright poor bidding probably keeps more people out of expert class than any other

Perhaps Mr. Average Player doesn't stop to consider that the final object of bidding, just as in playing, is to win the most points. Obviously, no player can play all the hands and come out on top. Championships are won by players making wise doubles and setting their opponents a few tricks, rather than by those who win every bid.

That's one of the basic techniques of bridge—bid up your opponents, or still better, let them get into trouble by themselves, and then stick in a nice double for a fat profit.

Suppose one of your opponents bids a suit you intended naming. Are you one whose competitive spirit rises up so that you take great satisfaction in winning the bid? This is a common fault—actually, it is often much smarter to sit back and play a waiting game, hoping the opponents will reach too high.

If, for example, you try to win the bid in a suit named by your opponent, the adverse trumps are banded against you. It's very unlikely that you can make more than a part score—less than 100 points. But if you let the bid go and take the same number of tricks, you can collect a handsome score as a penalty. Even though you might have made game playing the hand yourself, it is still quite possible that a penalty double would net you many more points,

which is the prime objective of the game.

After this idea is firmly fixed, there are only two things to remember about situations where an opponent takes a bid right out of your mouth. If your partner has already made a bid, strongly consider doubling. This will be clearly understood as a penalty double by your partner, and your combined strength is a safe bet to set the opponents. If your partner has not bid, however, it's better to pass—just wait until the other side gets into trouble by itself, then double. Doubling too early in the bidding would mislead your partner who would name another suit. For this reason, early doubles of this type are called takeout doubles, but doubles later in the bidding are the business doubles—the ones that bring in the high scores.

In the Bag

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—A laundry marker in the quarter-master plant here let out a scream when she opened a bar-racks bag.

Lt. H. S. Bliven, laundry officer, investigated. A mother mouse had crept into the bag and given birth to six mice.

Benning MP's Finish Second In National Pistol Matches

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Competing against crack service, police and civilian pistol teams from all over the United States, the Fort Benning, Military Police team won high honors at the National Winter Matches in Tampa, Fla., it was announced at the post this week on the return of the team.

With 1st Lt. Ralph A. Tolve, assistant provost marshal of Fort Benning, as coach and lead-off man on the team, five military policemen won a total of five team medals and seven individual medals and took second place in team competition for 22 caliber pistols.

Fort Benning's sharpshooters, with only two weeks practice and participating in a national match for the first time, placed second among 25 pistol teams, losing only to the Naval Air Corps team from Pensacola, Fla. During the qualifying rounds for the 22 caliber team event and during the actual competition, individual

ning team resulted in their winning a number of medals for marksmanship and expert shooting.

Pacing the Georgia soldiers was Sgt. Carl Baughn, investigating sergeant who the provost marshal's office, who placed third in his class over the National Match course for 22 caliber pistol competition and was awarded a master classification by tournament officials. So excellent was the marksmanship of Sergeant Baughn, that members of the crack Detroit, Mich., police team competing in the event declared the Fort Benning soldier was a potential world's champion. Lieutenant Tolve reported on his return to the post this week.

Competing in the matches were crack civilian and service teams, police teams and representatives of several state police organizations.

In addition to Lieutenant Tolve and Sergeant Baughn, the Fort Benning team consisted of Sgt. Willard Lucas, Sgt. Robert Templeton and Sgt. Wilbur Morring.

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Paratroops' Parson 'Chutes the Works

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FORT BENNING, Ga.—The parachute troops here at the great Infantry school can now boast of a literal "sky pilot." He is Chaplain Raymond S. Hall, former rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lowell, Mass., and the Army's first jumping chaplain.

Chaplain Hall is a quiet, husky young man, inclined to regard his present assignment as the happy working of fate. He applied last summer for a commission in the chaplain's reserve corps, with no idea of where he was to be sent. Then, one day in December, he happened to be reading a magazine article on the parachute troops. "That certainly is an interesting outfit," he said to his wife. "Yes, it is," she said. "And it cost so little, too." "I

mean the parachute troops," Hall said. "Oh," said his wife, a bit nettled. At that moment the doorbell rang and a letter arrived from the War Department, assigning the rector to the parachute troops and convincing him that the Army was nothing if not omniscient.

When he was first assigned to Benning, there was no regulation requiring chaplains to jump. Chaplain Hall soon fixed that. He follows the Father Duffy tradition in that he feels a chaplain must share the men's own experiences. After a week of talking to the men, Chaplain Hall applied for permission to take the gruelling five-week training course. Under the new Airborne Command, Chaplain Hall is not quite sure where he will eventually wind up. He thinks that he will probably stay here with the parachute school as advisor to the men coming for their initial training, although he would like to join a parachute regiment. Right now he is awaiting his wife and two children, who are coming south to be with him. He is a little concerned about the eldest boy; only five years old, he is already practicing jumps from tables and other convenient heights. Chaplain Hall's parishioners back in Lowell have also taken a proud interest in his jumping, tinged somewhat with anxiety. The chaplain has received a number of letters, urging him not



to take chances and to come home safely. He takes these letters very seriously and answers them all along with those he has started to receive from men in the service who want to know what this parachute jumping is all about. He is proud of these letters, but deprecates his own position in them, choosing to stress his objective, recruiting value. "These men figure if the parson can jump, so can they," he says. "So a lot of them join up."

Chaplain Hall has tremendous respect for the men of the parachute troops and speaks often of one whom he regards as a sort of symbol. This man always eats an orange on the

way down and falls asleep in the truck returning to the hangar. Chaplain Hall eats nothing for quite a while before and after the jump and has given up any idea of conquering the funny feeling in his stomach when he steps into the plane. But he jumps, and he jumps well, and he will continue to jump so long as there are parachute troops. He feels that he gets his reward twice: once after the chute opens and he is alone in the sky, and again when the men come to him in his office. "They can talk to me now," Chaplain Hall says. "I've been through the same thing they have."

New Division Controls Army Nerve Centers

The War Plans Division of the General Staff will hereafter be known as the Operations Division. Maj. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, as Chief of Operations, heads the division, controlling the nerve center of the Army for United States theaters of operations and overseas garrisons.

The situation of the United States in the present war presents a somewhat different problem from that of 1917-18. With widely separated theaters of operations, and numerous overseas garrisons, and with the rapidity of movement and wide range of air units, the War Department is faced with the necessity of meeting responsibilities not to those of the Department in the first World war, but also meeting the problems of General Headquarters at Chaumont and a considerable extent those of General Harbord's S. O. S. at France. This situation was one of the compelling reasons for the complete reorganization of the War Department and is responsible for development of an Operations Division in the General Staff.

This division will also coordinate strategic and operational plans with the U. S. Navy, and with Military Headquarters of all United Powers.

F.D.R. Orders Two New Medals For Service Men

Authorization of two new service medals, the American Defense Service Medal, first to be awarded by the Army since the World War Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal for enlisted men, is announced by the War Department.

The new medals were ordered established by President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in an Executive Order signed June 28, 1941. Pending issue of the medals, personnel of the Army eligible for the awards may wear the ribbons. The ribbon of the American Defense Service Medal is yellow with narrow red, white and blue stripes near the edges.

Issuance of the medal has been authorized to all U. S. military personnel for honorable service by those who entered upon a period of active Federal Service of 12 months or longer and who in discharge of such service served at any time between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941, inclusive.

Bronze stars will be awarded for wear on the suspension ribbons of the medals in cases where personnel were exposed to hostile attack during the period for which the medal may be awarded, one star for each separate hostile attack.

The Good Conduct ribbon is dark red with white stripes down the middle. This medal is authorized for award to those enlisted men of the Army of the United States, in all its components, who on or after June 28, 1941, honorably completed three years of active Federal military service and who are recommended for the award by their Commanding Officers for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

Army Museum to Study Modern War Wounds

Greater safety of combat planes and better treatment of war wounds and burns among civilian and military personnel are expected from a new activity of the Army Medical Museum.

This institution, it is announced, will act as a collecting center for specimens and models of injuries peculiar to the present war and as a recruiting center for specially trained personnel, particularly clinical photographers and medical artists, who can serve with expeditionary forces and in larger Army hospitals to collect specimens and pictorial records of diseases and injuries.

Study of this material will give surgeons a better idea of the type of wounds they will have to treat in the present war and of the results of various methods of treatments. It will also give aircraft designers a clearer picture of the injuries peculiar to particular types of aircraft and how best to protect the flying personnel against such hazards.

Free Mail Rules Made Clear

Free mailing privileges for soldiers announced last week in Army Times, were clarified this week by the Postoffice Department.

Any man in the armed forces now can send his letters free. All he has to do is write his name, rank or rating and branch of service in the upper left corner of the envelope, and the word "free" in the upper right corner. No stamp is required.

The Postoffice Department release explains the new regulations:

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New Regulations

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This free mailing privilege does not apply to matter sent by air mail, nor to any matter sent to the members of the military or naval forces by persons who are not members thereof.

Army Men May Name War They Fight

President Roosevelt wants a new name for the war. The call has gone far and wide; but none are perhaps more qualified to give it a name than those who are fighting in it, or getting ready to do so.

It must be short, and it must convey the thought that the struggle is being waged to preserve the democracies and freedom of all the peoples of the earth.

The President, who is no amateur when it comes to coining new phrases, wants the new name to come to him from the ranks. There is a very real need for a short snappy all-qualifying term to meet the daily requirements of all the Federal agencies now engaged in the war effort. It is his desire to get away from such long phrases as "Second World War," and "World War II," to save time and space in

the preparation of official documents. It will also mean a great saving for the thousands of people who write about the war.

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